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– Synopsis –

Yuna, a 15 year old girl started playing the world's first VRMMO.

She has earned billions of yen in stocks, and confines herself in her house playing the game without going to school.

Today, a major update has arrived and she obtained a non-transferable rare bear outfit.

But the equipment is so embarrassing that she can't wear it even in the game.

Furthermore, when she answers the survey regarding the new update and relaunches the game, she appears in and unknown forest in the bear outfit.

Where is this? Email from God? A different world?

If she wears the bear outfit she's a cheat, if she takes it off she's a normal girl. Her adventure starts just like that. Yuna began doing whatever she wanted.

Chapter 27
The Rumored Bear Girl

Several days after the Bear House was built, it had become a famous landmark.

Before anyone noticed, a house was built in the vacant lot. Many were surprised that the house was shaped like a bear, and even the person living inside looked like a bear.

Around the Bear House, there were a lot of spectators observing from a distance.

For that reason, I haven't gone outside at all recently.

On the first day, I went outside for meals, but now I'm making and eating my meals at home.

「Big sis Yuna, I've finished dismantling today's portion.」

Fina came by every day for her dismantling work, so I've been giving her one day off for every three days she works.

Furthermore, her dismantling quota was five bodies a day.

For that reason, she was normally finished in half a day.

「Thank you, be careful on your way back home.」

「Un. Big sis Yuna, aren't you going to work?」

「I'll go…eventually.」

Certainly, I've been acting like a hikikomori recently.

At this rate, it's only going to get worse, huh.

Tomorrow, should I go to the guild first thing in the morning?

The next day, for the first time in a while, I woke up early and headed to the guild.

「Ah, Yuna-san! You finally came!」

Helen shouted as she caught sight of me.

You're being a nuisance to everybody!

「Good morning, Helen.」

「Geez, what have you been doing? I was waiting for you.」

「You were waiting for me?」

「Yes, there is a designated request for you.」

「A designated request?」

「Yes, the request came from Cliff Foschurose-sama.」

「…Who?」

I don't know a person by that name.

「You don't know of him? Count Foschurose-sama is the honorable Feudal Lord of this city.」

「Honorable Feudal Lord?」

「Yes.」

It seems like it will become extremely troublesome.

If you were to ask me what I thought about nobles, my opinion would be based on the royalty from manga or light novels, where they were an existence that invited trouble.

If possible, I don't want to get involved with them.

So,

「Pass.」

「Eh-」

「I refuse.」

「Eh-」

「I'm going home, bye!」

「H-hey! Hold on a second!」

Helen jumped over the reception desk and grabbed onto my bear clothes.

「What do you want?」

「What, do you really plan on going home?!」

「I want to sleep, so I'm going home.」

「I-it's still morning.」

「It's fine for me to sleep whenever I want, right?」

「In that case, please listen to the request, because although Yuna-san doesn't come to the guild very often, Foschurose-sama has come many times for this request.」

「That has nothing to do with me, right?」

「If nothing else, please at least listen to the request!」

「Don't wanna.」

「Please~ I'm begging you!」

「Is it okay to refuse after listening?」

「Why are you so against this?」

「My grandmother's dying wish was for me to stay far away from nobles and royals.」

「What is that supposed to mean?!」

「It means that nobles and royals are the kind of people who will immediately kill or imprison someone that they don't like. Upon seeing a beautiful woman, they'll demand her body and threaten her if she refuses. They'll condemn innocent people without proof or extort money from commoners. They're the kind of existence that lets their money do the talking, always getting away with whatever they want. Furthermore, their children are arrogant, boastful, selfish and self-important, right?」

「What is with that biased way of thinking?」

「Am I wrong?」

「It's true that the nobles Yuna-san described exist.」

They do exist.

「However, Foschurose-sama is different. He's a gentleman.」

「Have you met him in person?」

「I haven't.」

「In that case, you wouldn't know for sure.」

「I haven't heard any bad rumors like that though.」

「If people were killed secretly, you wouldn't know. After all, dead people can't talk.」

「Why do your thoughts go that far?!」

I couldn't say that it was due to the influence of mangas and novels.

「Oi! What's with the ruckus on such a crowded morning!」

Muscle Daruma = Guild master has arrived.

「Guild master!」

「Helen, you know it gets crowded in the morning. What in the world are you doing?」

「It's not my fault! Yuna-san has a designated request from Foschurose-sama but, because she has a strange prejudice against nobles, she won't even listen to the request.」

「Prejudice?」

「She was saying things like nobles will kill people they don't like, demand women's bodies when they see them, or that their children are arrogant and selfish.」

「Yeah, that's true.」

「As I thought.」

「Guild master!」

「Ahh, my bad. Of course, those kinds of aristocrats do exist, but Foschurose is different, so you don't need to worry.」

「Absolutely?」

「Aah, because he's an acquaintance.」

Certainly, it's not strange for the Adventurer's Guild's guild master to have personally met the Feudal Lord.

「Please listen, if you refuse, it will affect the guild's credibility.」

「U-un, fine! I'll listen to the request, at least!」

「Thank you very much…though I say that, there's not much to the request. It's just a request for you to visit his house.」

「The heck?」

「Perhaps he just wants to meet the rumored bear girl?」

「Bear girl?」

「You didn't know? It's Yuna-san's nickname.」

「I knew about Bloody Bear, but not that one.」

It's an unpleasant nickname though.

「The Bloody Bear is what the male adventurers call you. The female adventurers and children just call you Bear Girl or Bear-san.」

I didn't know.

「But, what are the rumors?」

「You look like a bear, defeated packs of wolves and goblins by yourself, defeated a goblin king, and completed a large amount of subjugations as a beginner. Then you summoned bears and even built a Bear House. Of course there would be rumors.」

「What bear house?」

Apparently, Helen hadn't heard about that.

「What, you didn't know? This girl rented a plot of land and built a house, ya know. It's even shaped like a bear. Moreover, it was built so quickly that nobody knows when it was built, which is why everyone has been talking about it.」

「Is that what she did with the land from the other day? I had no idea.」

「So, because I'm the rumored bear girl, the Feudal Lord wants to meet me?」

「Yeah, I guess that's how it is.」

「After all, everybody is reporting information about you, be it the Adventurer's Guild, the Commerce Guild, the town gate, or the town guards.」

「Information?」

「Ah, the Adventurer's Guild reported about a promising rookie in a bear suit. The Commerce Guild reported that a bear girl built a Bear House without anyone noticing and the gate soldiers reported about the summoned bears. The town guards would

have also submitted a report when you walked around town with that appearance. With so many reports about you reaching him, of course he would want to meet you.」

What? That's scary.

Is there no law like the Protection of Personal Information Act?

All I did was complete the Adventurer's Guild's requests normally, built a Bear House with magic normally, used magic to finish my subjugation quests faster by summoning a mount normally, and strolled around town in my casual bear clothes.

「Can't I refuse?」

「Beats me. At the very least, the average adventurer wouldn't refuse a commission from a noble. If they did, they would be skipping town. In any case, adventurers would normally agree to requests like this one and meet the noble.」

「So troublesome.」

「Don't say that, he's probably just curious. Why don't you just try meeting him?」

「By the way, assuming I go meet him, when would be a good time? Since he's a Feudal Lord, he should be pretty busy, right?」

「Yes, I received his schedule for the next few days. Any time tomorrow or in the afternoon five days from now should be fine.」

Had everything already been decided, including the day we meet?

「Fine, whatever! I'll go meet him!」

Reluctantly, I decided to meet him tomorrow afternoon.

Chapter 28
Bear-san Goes To The Lord's House

It was the afternoon of the day after I received the request, and I was standing a slight distance from the Lord's mansion.

It seemed like I would be noticed by the soldier standing at the front gate if I went any closer.

I had a hunch that I would be interrogated if I was found.

Even though the gate soldier for the lord's mansion didn't do anything, he gave me such a feeling.

It was an unavoidable hassle.

I gave up and walked towards the gate.

Even when the gate guard caught sight of me, his line of sight remained fixed straight ahead and did not waver.

He was still looking straight ahead when I arrived.

Somehow, it was an unpleasant gaze.

「What business do you have?」

「I am Yuna, the adventurer. I was called here by the Lord.」

「Were you…」

He looked at me as if he was licking me all over.

「I've heard about your situation. For confirmation, please hand over your guild card.」

Unexpectedly, it seemed like the gate guard was well-informed about me.

With this setting, I thought there would be trouble.

Well, at least the Lord wasn't an idiot who would invite me and forget to inform the gate guard, huh.

After the guard finished confirming the guild card, I was led to the front door of the mansion.

When I arrived at the door, a maid-san in her early 20s took over.

This was the first time I had seen a maid here.

She was wearing a black maid uniform.

As expected, they exist, huh.

If a maid lover saw this, they would rejoice, right?

I thought it was cute but, unfortunately, I don't have that attribute.

Maid-san walked silently through the mansion, stopped in front of a door, and knocked.

「Cliff-sama, I've brought the adventurer, Yuna-san.」

A voice from within called out, "Come in."

「Pardon me.」

Maid-san opened the door and urged me to enter the room.

After I obediently entered the room, the door was closed behind me.

Maid-san didn't come in.

The room was wide and contained a large desk, a large table, and a sofa.

The room seemed like an office.

The inhabitant of the room was a man in his late thirties, sitting in front of the large desk.

「I'm sorry, but please feel free to sit on the sofa over there.」

I obediently sat.

「You really do look like a bear.」

The man came over and sat on the opposite end of the sofa.

As he looked at me, an amused smile appeared on the man's face.

As expected, he was a shitty noble after all.

「If you called me just to make a mockery of me, I'm going home.」

「No, I'm sorry.」

「So what do you want?」

「It's true that I also wanted to meet with you, but my daughter was the one who wanted to meet you.」

「Your daughter?」

「Ah, I think she saw you in town once and she wanted to see you again, no matter what. In addition to that, she gets really happy when I talk about your achievements in the reports.」

Which is why we need a Protection of Personal Information Act!

「So you called me for your daughter's sake?」

「While that's half of it. The other half is because I wanted to see the bear girl from the town rumors.」

Am I a bear from the zoo?

Knock, knock.

Someone was knocking on the door.

「I have brought Noire-sama.」

「Come in.」

A girl around Fina's age came in through the door.

It was a blonde-haired girl.

「Daddy, is it really true that Bear-san has come?」

The girl's eyes lit up when she saw me.

「It's Bear-san! My name is Noire, but please feel free to call me Noa.」

「My name is Yuna, you know. Instead of Bear-san, can you call me by my name?」

「Yes, I understand. Yuna-san, right?」

「So then, what should I do here?」

「Will you be my daughter's companion? I'll pay the request fee, of course.」

Noa pulled on my hand and took me away.

「Where are we going?」

「My room!」

Judging from the conversation, I had been taken to Noa's room.

「Um, would it be alright if I hugged you?」

She asked me shyly.

「It's fine, but-」

「Thank you very much!」

Noa came and hugged me.

I also embraced the golden-haired girl.

It's possible that, since Fina is fine too, I might have a younger sister lover attribute.

「You're so soft, and you smell nice too.」

I rubbed her head in reply.

「I've seen you once in town before.」

Yeah, I heard about that.

「Although I was far away, it was a super cute appearance, so you easily caught my attention. When I talked with my daddy, I was told all kinds of stories about Bear-san, I mean Yuna-san, many times.」

I patted her head.

After that, we talked about many things.

I told stories about defeating the goblins, the wolves, the Goblin King, and the Tiger Wolves.

「So then, I have a favor to ask of Yuna-san.」

「A favor?」

「Umm, won't you show me your summoned beasts?」

「Summoned beasts?」

「Yes! When I heard about the summoned beasts from my daddy, I wanted to see them.」

「It's fine, but not in this room. Also, we need to get permission from your father.」

It would be troublesome if I became a criminal because I summoned them on the grounds of the Lord's mansion.

「In that case, let's get daddy's permission and go outside.」

I was pulled out of the room by my hand.

We left Noa's room and headed towards her father's, or Cliff's, room.

Noa opened the door and entered without even knocking.

「Noa, haven't I always told you to knock on the door before entering?」

「I'm sorry, daddy. I have something I want to ask.」

「What is it?」

「May I have permission to see Yuna-san's summoned beasts?」

「Summoned beasts? Ah, the rumored bears, huh. Isn't it dangerous?」

He asked me, who was standing behind Noa.

「They won't do anything, so it will be safe.」

「I see, then it's fine.」

「Is it okay? If I wanted to kill you, you'd die, you know?」

「But you won't do such a thing.」

「So you trust me, huh.」

「I looked into many things before calling you. A kind Bear-san who will do many things for a young girl's sake.」

Cliff laughed brightly.

However, I noticed a brief killing intent in that smile.

As I thought, a noble's character is naturally bad.

「Even if I'm nice to young girls, it doesn't mean that I'll be nice to you.」

「Even so, I'm the Lord here. I've seen many kinds of people, so I can tell just by looking.」

「You do know that I'm wearing a hood, right?」

My hood has been on since I first met Cliff, so my real face hasn't been seen.

In hindsight, it was probably quite rude.

「More or less. Will you take off your hood and show me your face? From what I heard, you don't take off your hood, even when asked.」

I don't remove the hood?

There was that kind of rumor going around?

I'm just hiding my face because wearing the bear dress is simply embarrassing.

I took off the hood and showed my face.

「Y-y-you…」

「Yuna-san is a beautiful person! So pretty.」

「I-is that so, thanks.」

I thanked Noa and patted her head.

Although it was flattery, it made me happy.

Still, I put the hood back on, since it was embarrassing.

「What a waste.」

Cliff was saying something, but since we had received permission, we immediately headed out to the mansion's garden.

For some reason, the Lord, and even the maid, started following along behind us.

Chapter 29
Bear-san, Mission Accomplished

「Yuna-san, is an area that's about this big okay?」

As expected of a lord's garden.

It was very spacious.

I was told that, if needed, we could also use the soldiers' practice area.

Right now, there's nobody there.

「Well then, I'm going to summon them now. Come out! Swaying Bear! Hugging Bear!」

Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear came out from the Bear Hands.

The two of them stood up.

「Swaying Bear, Hugging Bear, come here.」

The two bears came running up to me happily.

Their large size scared me at first, but now they're just cute.

The people behind me, on the other hand, were surprised and raised a fuss.

「It's a bear! It's a bear-san! Yuna-san, is it okay if I touch them?!」

「Lady Noire, it's dangerous! Please fall back!」

「It's fine. If you don't hurt them, they won't do anything.」

「Please say something as well, Cliff-sama!」

「Well, it'll be okay, I think.」

「Cliff-sama!」

After being told that "It can't be helped," by her master, Cliff, the maid-san stopped trying to detain her.

Noa, who had obtained freedom, slowly came closer to the bears.

「Is it really okay for me to touch them?」

「It's fine. Try touching them softly.」

Noa gently touched Swaying Bear.

She pet Hugging Bear with her other hand.

The two bears narrowed their eyes in apparent pleasure.

「It's very warm. It's also soft.」

「Want to try riding one?」

「Is it okay?」

「Hugging Bear, is it okay?」

Instead of answering, Hugging Bear lowered its waist to make it easier to get on.

「You won't fall, so don't worry.」

I lent a hand and gave her a lift onto its back.

Hugging Bear slowly stood up.

「Waa, it's high.」

Noa seemed happy on top of Hugging Bear.

「Yuna-san, is it okay to take a walk? Just around the house is fine!」

「That's fine.」

Hugging Bear slowly walked away.

「N-Noire-sama!」

Maid-san panicked and ran after Hugging Bear.

「Sorry, but can I touch it too?」

Cliff came over while looking embarrassed.

「It's fine, but…」

When I gave permission, he touched Swaying Bear.

「Ooo, the fur is nice. It also feels good to touch.」

While touching Swaying Bear, Cliff was also glancing at its back.

「Do you want to get on?」

「Is it okay?!」

「The same as Noa, just one lap around the house.」

「Ah, thank you.」

After Cliff got on Swaying Bear, he went off running after Noa.

A couple of minutes later, the two returned side-by-side.

「Yuna-san, thank you very much. It was fun.」

「Ah, you also let me have a very valuable experience today.」

A very tired looking maid-san appeared behind the bears.

She looked exhausted.

It wasn't my fault, so I didn't worry about it.

「Well then, I'll be returning to the house, so I'll leave Noa to you, Yuna. Please come to me when you plan on leaving.」

Cliff went back inside the house.

Noa really liked riding on top of Hugging Bear and didn't come down.

「It's comfortable.」

She was sprawled on top of Hugging Bear.

For a while, she patted Hugging Bear while sprawled on its back, but soon stopped.

When I noticed it had become quiet and took a glance, she was breathing calmly and sleeping quietly.

I told Hugging Bear to walk slowly as we moved under a tree.

As expected, falling asleep while sunbathing wasn't an option.

Maid-san was watching anxiously.

「It's fine. Let's let her sleep. Is there possibly something we can cover her with? Since it would be a problem if she catches a cold.」

When I said that, maid-san quickly went back inside the house and came back carrying something that looked like a blanket.

However, because Hugging Bear was too tall, she couldn't place the blanket on Noa.

「Please lend a hand, Swaying Bear.」

Swaying Bear lifted the maid-san with both hands.

The maid-san obediently allowed herself to be lifted, and covered Noa with the blanket.

「Thank you very much, Swaying Bear-sama.」

Apparently, Maid-san was no longer afraid of Swaying Bear.

I took out a small barrel and two wooden cups from the Bear Box.

The barrel contained juice from an oren fruit, and it had a flavor that was similar to orange juice.

I poured ice and oren juice into a cup, and handed it to the maid-san.

Maid-san recieved the oren juice and drank it.

「Delicious.」

「Good to hear.」

「Thank you very much. It's cold and delicious.」

「There's enough for a second helping, so drink as much as you want.」

「Even so, they're rather obedient.」

We watched Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear.

「Well, it's because they're summoned beasts. They are different from wild bears, you know.」

「It seems so. The lady also seemed to be having fun, so thank you very much.」

「It's not necessary to thank me, since it's my job.」

Maid-san's name was Amelia-san.

I heard that she had been employed at this mansion for five years.

She seemed to be an important existence, since she had been looking after Noa since Noa was five years old.

Therefore, she asked me not to worry her too much.

Even so, she thanked me for letting Noa have some fun.

While I was talking with Amelia, Noa, who was sleeping on top of Hugging Bear, began to fidget and move around.

「Good morning. You woke up.」

「Erm, where am I?」

「On top of Hugging Bear. You fell asleep.」

「Oh, that's right. Hugging Bear was so comfortable that I fell asleep.」

「If you sleep outside for too long, you might catch a cold, so let's go inside.」

Noa didn't want to separate from the bears, but at this rate, there would be no end to this, so I sent Hugging Bear a signal.

「Hugging Bear is also tired, so won't you let them rest?」

When I said so, Hugging Bear

「Kuu~」

…made a small cry and a sleepy gesture.

「That's right, Noire-sama. Hugging Bear-sama kept you from falling while you slept. Please let Hugging Bear-sama rest as well.」

「Un, I understand. Sorry, Hugging Bear.」

Noa got down from Hugging Bear and gently patted its head.

「Ok then, I'm letting them rest.」

「Let's play again sometime, Hugging Bear, Swaying Bear.」

I cancelled the summoning, and Hugging Bear and Swaying Bear went back into my hands.

「Well now, let us return to Noa's room.」

「I'm headed to where Cliff-san is.」

「Eh, Yuna-san, could it be that you're leaving already?」

「My job here is already finished.」

I've put up with Noa's selfishness for a while already, this much work should be enough.

「Come on, let's eat dinner together!」

Noa grabbed onto the Bear Hand.

I tried to decline, but I was pulled into the house by the hand.

Cliff appeared right then and it became a talk about dinner.

In the end, because Cliff also invited me, it was decided that I would be staying for dinner.

I ate dinner. When I was leaving, they asked me to stop by next time. However, I courteously refused and returned to the Bear House.

「By all means, please come again!」

Noa sent me off at the gate with that request.

Chapter 30
Fina's Perspective 4

I returned to the Bear House safely, thanks to Hugging Bear.

The medicinal herbs for my mother were gathered without incident.

Next, I have to do the dismantling work.

That's my job.

Hugging Bear stayed outside as I headed towards the warehouse.

I brought the wolf out of the warehouse freezer.

Compared to other monsters, the wolf was small, but it was still big to me.

I did my best to carry the wolf over to the table top.

Big sis Yuna prepared a stepstool for me, so I was tall enough to work with the wolf on top of the table.

I stripped off the pelt with a skinning knife.

I then divided the meat into sections.

I also took out the magic stone and placed it separately.

After I had finished dismantling several wolves, the warehouse door opened.

Big sis Yuna had come back.

Eh, did she already defeat the Tiger Wolf?

I'm not even finished with the dismantling work.

Big sis told me that she wanted the magic stones extracted from the Tiger Wolves.

Of course I accepted, since it was my job.

The Tiger Wolves she took out were so large that they surprised me.

To be able to defeat such large monsters, Big sis Yuna is really amazing.

I immediately started working on removing the magic stones.

I cut open a section of their bellies.

The Tiger Wolf was the same type of monster as the wolf, so it was likely that the magic stone's location was the same.

The magic stone came out from the middle of its stomach.

The Tiger Wolf's magic stone was nearly twice as large as a wolf's.

I washed them with water and handed them to Big Sis Yuna.

Afterwards, I ate lunch and continued dismantling monsters.

Big sis Yuna seemed sleepy.

Did fighting the Tiger Wolves exhaust her?

I'll also do my best.

I worked hard, and soon the dismantling was finished.

I'll go wake Big sis Yuna up.

I climbed up to the second floor.

Which room is she sleeping in?

For now, I'll check them one by one, starting from this side.

I knocked on the first room and went inside.

There she is.

She was sleeping on the bed.

I shook Big sis Yuna to wake her up.

「Big sis Yuna, Big sis Yuna!」

Big sis Yuna woke up.

The Big sis Yuna that got off the bed was white.

She was white, as if she were imitating Hugging Bear.

The black bear suit was cute, but the white bear suit was also cute.

Apparently, the black bear would switch with the white bear when the outfit was reversed.

When I told her that I was finished dismantling, we decided to head back.

Big sis Yuna made the bear house vanish.

Magic is amazing.

I rode Swaying Bear on the way back.

Apparently, paying attention to only one of them would put the other one in a bad mood.

I think I understand that feeling.

I returned to town while riding on top of Swaying Bear.

The soldiers at the gate were surprised.

I think anyone would be surprised when they see these bears.

But, the bears are cute.

The next day, I went over to Big sis Yuna's place.

There didn't seem to be any place to do the dismantling though.

Certainly, it was troublesome to go out of the city every time.

Big sis Yuna headed to the guild. It seemed like she wanted to rent some land.

Was it really okay to do all that, just so I could do my dismantling work?

We decided to head over to the Commerce Guild, introduced by the Adventurer's Guild.

After Big sis Yuna went to the Commerce Guild, she ended up making a decision on the spot.

We were guided to the plot of land.

The bear house was constructed on that plot of land.

No matter how many times I see it, it's still amazing.

I entered the warehouse and worked on dismantling the Tiger Wolves.

The process was the same as with the wolves, but I was nervous.

Even I knew that this was an expensive fur.

I'll do my best though.

I finished today's dismantling work without any incident.

For several days after that, I commuted to Big sis Yuna's house every day.

Suddenly, I became dizzy while dismantling.

"Oh no," crossed my mind as I collapsed

Moreover it was unlucky that I was seen just then by Big sis Yuna.

Big sis Yuna came running up to me.

I was surprised when I looked at my hand.

Blood was flowing out of my hand.

It seems that when I fell, I cut my hand a bit with the knife.

It hurts a little.

Big sis Yuna touched the part that was bleeding.

Is she going to use magic?

While I thought that, my hand warmed up, the pain had vanished and the wound had also disappeared.

It's amazing.

Big sis Yuna removed her bear gloves and felt my forehead with her hand.

Apparently, I had a fever.

I was told to sleep on a bed in a room on the second floor for the time being.

As I was lying on the bed, my forehead was touched again.

This time it was the bear hand.

It was soft and pleasant.

I gradually felt better and fell asleep.

When I woke up, it was evening.

Because a meal had already been prepared for me, I was told to bring it home to eat with my family.

After that, I was told to rest for a day.

Two days after I had collapsed, I went to Big sis Yuna's house.

I was told that from now on, there would be three days of dismantling work followed by one day of rest.

I was also told that if I did other jobs on the rest-day, then I wouldn't be given any more dismantling work.

This was something that Big sis Yuna told me out of concern for my health, so I obediently listened.

Chapter 31
Bear-san Goes To See Fina's Sick Mother

Today is a holiday.

Like Fina, I'm also taking the day off.

A lot of things were established during this one month.

First of all, when a skill levels up, it is learned automatically.

Right now, I have learned six skills.

- Different World's Spoken Language:
- Can understand a different world's language. (If I didn't have this, it'd be bad.)

- Different World's Written Language:
- Can read and write the letters of a different world. (I can work in the guild because I have this.)

- Bear's Dimensional Box:
- Can store inanimate objects. (Experiment result: infinite size)

- Bear's Eyes of Observation:
- Can see the effects of items and weapons. (Well, you can normally do this in a typical game.)

- Bear's Sense of Danger Perception:
- Can discover the location of dangerous monsters and thieves. (It's convenient to know the locations of monsters, yeah.)

- Bear's Map:
- Creates a map of previously visited locations. (It's a basic mapping system from RPGs.)

Magic was categorized separately from skills.

There seemed to be certain rules for magic in this world.

I had to make a personal effort to learn magic.

However, in my situation, I was able to learn magic much more easily, thanks to the Bear.

In reality, when I inserted magic power into the Bear, the Bear would activate the magic for me.

For that reason, if I didn't have the Bear, I wouldn't be able to use magic.

In this world, the power of magic relies on the creativity of the mental image used.

Knowledge, imagination, that sort of thing.

For example, if I used the image of a gas burner when using fire magic, a flame that was capable of melting iron would come out.

It's likely that even if I showed this magic to the inhabitants of this world, they wouldn't be able to activate this magic, because they wouldn't know about gas burners.

As for ice, it was impossible for them to use an image of stopping the movement of water molecules.

That was why, when people in this world wanted to create ice, they would use ice magic.

Not to mention, the incident when Fina collapsed.

Wound healing magic was also influenced by an image.

When I imagined the wound closing up, I was able to seal the wound.

I had not verified it yet but, in the case of healing severe wounds, I would probably be able to heal it if I imagined blood vessels connecting together.

Moreover, the fever-lowering magic.

If this were in a game, it would be categorized as a status-ailment curing magic.

Erasing the germs, or poisons, inside the body seems possible.

While I was thinking about things like this world's skill system, the doorway became rather noisy.

There was a barrier covering the Bear House.

When the Bear House was built, it automatically activated.

It was set so that people I had not authorized could not enter the barrier.

Unapproved people were absolutely unable to enter the house.

Currently, the only person who could enter the Bear House was Fina.

I thought of going down to the first floor, but the moment I opened the door and stepped out into the hallway, Fina came flying in.

「Big sis Yuna!」

Somehow, her appearance was strange.

Fina's body was trembling as she hugged me.

「What's wrong?」

I separated from Fina and lifted her head to look at her face.

Her eyes were red from crying.

「B-Big sis Yuna, m-my mother has…!」

「Calm down first.」

「My mother was in pain, and…even though she drank medicine…it was no good…I went to see Uncle Gentz, but…he went out to look for medicine and hasn't come back…I-I, what should I do?」

It seemed like her mother's condition was dangerous.

「Un, I understand, so can you guide me to your house?」

There was a possibility that the status ailment curing magic could be used to treat her mother.

I headed to Fina's house together with her.

It was a small house, with three people living in it.

After entering the house, we went to the room Fina's mother was lying in.

The woman lying in the bed seemed to be suffering from pain.

A small girl was crying next to the bed, and Gentz-san was standing next to her.

「Fina. Bear missy, you're also here.」

「Uncle Gentz, what about the medicine?」

「Sorry.」

Gentz-san muttered one word and looked down at the ground.

Fina's mother, while suffering, reached out her hand with as much strength as she could muster and stroked her daughter's head feebly.

「Gentz…if…something…happens…to me…my daughters…please…」

「What are you doing?! Saying things like that!」

「I…sure gave you…a lot of…trouble…the medicine…and Fina…」

Fina's mother talked while enduring her pain.

「Thank you…」

「Don't worry about that! If you sleep, you'll get better, so don't talk any more!」

「Shuri, Fina, come here, let me see your faces one last time.」

「「Mom!」」

The two girls rushed over to their mother's bed.

「I'm sorry that I couldn't give you anything. And, thank you, Shuri, Fina.」

Although both of them were trying their best to smile, their smiles seemed strained.

「Gentz, please look after the two of them.」

「I get it, so don't say any more. Looking after these two will be troublesome for me, so you just rest and recover from your illness.」

「Gentz, thank you.」

She closed her eyes as she endured the pain, apparently having reached her limit.

Poof, poof.

I clapped my hands in an attempt to get everyone to calm down, but even though my Bear Hands smacked together, no sound came out.

「For starters, the three of you, please calm down.」

「Big sis?」

「I don't know if I can do anything, but I'll take a look, so let me through.」

Fina tugged on her younger sister's hand and moved away from the bed.

The sister cried and held onto Fina.

Meanwhile, I stood next to the bed and examined Fina's mother.

She was a young woman who had yet to reach her late twenties.

However, her body had lost weight and was wasting away.

She probably wasn't eating very much.

「Please hold on a little longer.」

I placed both of my hands on top of the dying mother's body.

I inserted magic power into the Bear with both hands.

I tried to use an image of eradicating the malignant virus from her entire body.

「Cure.」

A light covered the mother's body, and she gradually lost the pained expression on her face.

Her breathing also started to calm down.

It seems like a success.

Though, she still seemed considerably weakened.

「Heal.」

I chanted a different magic.

Her physical strength recovered.

Fina's mother slowly opened her eyes.

Then, she got up from the bed as if nothing had happened.

「…There's no pain.」

「「Mom!」」

The two daughters rushed over to their mother.

「Looks like I succeeded somehow.」

「Miss, what did you do? It was as if you were a priestess from the heavens. No, never mind that, miss, thank you.」

Gentz-san's eyes slightly teared up as he grabbed onto my Bear Hands while thanking me profusely.

「Big sis Yuna, thank you.」

「Um, thank you very much. You're the person who cured my illness, right?」

「I did it because Fina was crying. Even so, you should rest a while longer. I don't know if you've completely recovered, and your physical strength might have decreased from lying down for so long.」

「How should I return my gratitude for saving my life? As you can see, I don't have anything valuable to pay you back with.」

「Wait a minute, I'll do it. Miss, I can't do it immediately, but I will definitely repay you for this favor. That's why, please don't do anything to this mother and her children!」

Somehow, I feel like I became a villain.

I cured your illness, so pay me money! If you can't pay, I'm taking your daughter away!

…and with that sort of feeling, I would kidnap the daughter; that's the feeling I had.

If there was a lolicon protagonist,

『Uhehehe, if you can't pay, don't you still have two cute daughters?』

Would that line be said, I wonder.

That's why, I have to clear up this misunderstanding.

「I don't particularly need money or anything. I only wanted to protect Fina's smile.」

After I said that, I patted Fina's head.

Oh, I said a really good line just now.

Fina was moved by my words and came over to hug me.

Somehow, I feel a little guilty…

「But, in that case-」

「That's right, if there's anything that I can do, please say it!」

「Once I've recovered, I'll do anything!」

Anything!

She said it. Anything, that is.

「In that case, I have a favor for the two of you, one that you cannot decline.」

「……」

「……」

An unpleasant atmosphere filled the room.

They glanced at Fina and her little sister.

「Fina, please go with your sister to buy some delicious food, as well as something nutritious for your mother to eat.」

I took out money from the Bear Box and gave it to Fina.

「But…」

「It's okay, mother is fine now, so go on ahead.」

「Un, I understand. Let's go, Shuri.」

Fina took her sister's hand and left the house.

After sending the two of them off, I once again looked at Gentz-san and Fina's mother.

「What are you going to make us do?」

「It's simple. Both of you, please get married.」

「…ha?」

「…eh?」

Both of them were stunned and had their mouths wide open.

「I know that Gentz-san loves Fina's mother.」

「Y-You…」

「There's no point in denying it, even Fina knows about it. Besides, since Fina's mother trusts Gentz-san enough to entrust her children to you, she probably doesn't dislike you.」

「…That's-」

「Also, it's not good to increase the children's hardships, right? Gentz-san is a guild staff member, so your income is stable, and it would be difficult for these three females to live peacefully forever.」

「But…」

「Gentz-san, do you hate Fina's mother? Is it unacceptable that Fina's mother married those children's father first?」

「That's…」

Gentz-san swallowed loudly.

Then, he looked towards Fina's mother.

「Tirumina, p-please marry me! I-I've loved you from a long time ago! It's disrespectful to Roy, but I really love you!」

「…Thank you.」

I tried to quietly step out of the room and leave the house.

Let's leave it to the two of them.

「Where are you going?」

But, there was an old guy who betrayed those feelings of mine.

「I'm going home, since the current situation is a family issue.」

「Is that so, erm, thank you.」

「Be sure to look after Fina and the others carefully.」

「Ah, leave it to me.」

「If the mother's condition worsens again, call me.」

Leaving Fina’s house behind me, I returned to the Bear House.

Chapter 32
Bear-san, Goes On A Junk Food Spree

Fina's mother was in excellent condition.

I think the term "complete recovery" would be more accurate.

Her name was Tirumina-san.

Tirumina-san and Gentz-san were going to get married.

Right now, they were looking for a place that a family of four could live in.

Fina's house was at its limit with four people living there. Apparently, Gentz-san was originally living by himself in a small house.

However, for some unknown reason, Fina and Shuri were at the Bear House.

「Erm, why are you also here?」

「I was thinking about giving the two of them, Uncle Gentz- I mean, dad and mom, some time alone.」

Was that something that a ten-year-old should be considering?

「Are we troubling you?」

「Not particularly. Even if four people came, it wouldn't be a problem.」

「Once we find a house for the four of us to live in, we'll be okay.」

「But, why are you studying?」

That's right, Shuri was studying her characters inside the Bear House.

「For me, my mother taught me my letters. However, in Shuri's case, mother was already too sick, so she couldn't teach her. I had to take care of the housework and earn money, so I wasn't able to teach my sister either.」

Though, even if I said study, it was just some characters written on top of dirty paper.

There was nothing to write with, much less practice paper to write on.

It was just memorizing characters by looking at them.

I wonder if it can really be memorized this way.

「In that case, let's go buy some study materials, you two.」

「Eh?」

「It will take you a long time to learn if you use that method of studying.」

「But-」

「You don't need to worry about the money. Think of it as a wedding present.」

「Mom is the one getting married though.」

「Don't worry about the small details.」

The two of them followed along and we left the Bear House.

They were holding hands.

The two sisters got along well.

First, we headed to the bookstore.

「Excuse me!」

I called out to the grandma in the bookstore with a loud voice.

「What's it? I can hear ya even if ya don't yell.」

「Excuse me, but do you have picture books for children? I want it for studying characters.」

「Picture books, for studying, eh. Then you'll want this one, this one, and that one.」

The granny brought over three books; some picture books and what looked like a character tables book.

For now, I'll just buy everything.

「Thank you.」

I paid and left the shop.

Next, we bought paper and writing utensils at the general goods store.

After we finished buying the study materials, we got a little hungry, so I decided to buy some snacks from the street stalls in the plaza.

When we arrived at the plaza, many different kinds of street stalls were lined up.

A delicious smell came wafting from here and there.

We entered the plaza and headed to the nearest street stall.

It was selling skewers.

It smelled good.

「Hey uncle, three skewers please.」

「Oo, is it the bear missy? Three skewers? Sure! Thanks as usual.」

The uncle passed me three skewers.

I held one skewer in my mouth and passed the rest to Fina and Shuri.

「Thank you very much.」

「Thank you.」

「Next, let's go there!」

I scanned the lines of street stalls in the plaza, looking for my next prey (food).

「Hey, bear missy! How about some vegetable soup?」

A voice rang out from the nearby stall.

Steam was rising from a large pot, and it seemed very delicious.

「Sure, three portions please.」

「Coming right up!」

The hot vegetable soup was served in wooden bowls.

It was a system where you returned the bowls after you finished eating.

I received the soup and passed two bowls to the other two girls.

「Bear missy. In that case, how about bread to go with your soup?」

「That's unfair! Bear missy, how about this here roasted meat?」

This time, voices rang out from the stalls all around us.

「In that case, how about this freshly-squeezed fruit juice?」

A slightly older girl who was selling various kinds of fruit juice also joined in the war.

「Hmm. I'm in the mood for bread today, so three small loaves of bread please.」

「Ooo, thank you!」

The uncle who was selling bread expressed his thanks and handed me bread.

I apologized to the stores I didn't buy from.

「I'll come buy some next time.」

「That's fine.」

「Come eat here next time!」

After receiving the bread, I greeted and responded to the people from the surrounding street stalls and sat at an empty bench nearby.

I've been buying and eating snacks in the plaza recently, so I've become acquainted with the people from the street stalls.

It might be because of this bear appearance, but the number of voices that call out to me when I walk through the plaza have been increasing daily.

That meant that I had been buying and eating junk food quite often.

It's fine as long as I don't get fat though.

I pinched my stomach through my bear dress to check.

I wanted to believe that it was okay.

It would be great to get a [Unable To Gain Weight] skill.

「Okay then, let's eat!」

「Thank you, Big sis Yuna.」

「Thank you.」

Shuri copied her older sister and said her thanks.

The two of them were pretty cute together.

The three of us slowly ate the bread and soup.

The soup had carrots and white radishes in it.

I've been frequently coming across ingredients that originally existed in Japan.

However, I haven't been able to find rice, soy sauce, and miso.

I also missed noodle dishes like ramen, soba, and udon.

Did they exist in other countries?

Nevertheless, this soup and bread were more than delicious enough.

After we finished eating, we headed back to the Bear House, for the sake of studying.

Later on, Tirumina-san and Gentz-san found out about our junk food trip, and they got angry at me.

It seemed like the two sisters were unable to eat the dinner that had been prepared with great effort.

I need to be careful not to overeat junk food.

However, they thanked me for the study materials.

Chapter 33
Bear-san Helps Out With Moving

It looked like the new house that Fina and the others would live in had been chosen.

The house was located near Gentz's workplace, the Adventurer's Guild.

That was a strong requirement for Gentz, apparently.

Finally, a property that matched the desired price, location, and size was found, or so I heard.

Today, I came to Fina's old house in order to help them move.

「Bring everything that you want to take over here. For the smaller objects, place them all together in a box.」

I put the luggage that had already been packed into the Bear Box.

「Are you going to take this table too?」

「We don't have the money to buy a new one, so please.」

「In that case, this chair as well?」

「Please.」

The luggage was swiftly brought out.

Fina and Shuri were frantically doing their best to place their limited number of belongings into a box.

The belongings that were brought out to me were stowed away.

「Big sis Yuna, can you take the bed too, please?」

「Sure.」

We went to Fina's room.

Her belongings had already been placed into a box, so only the bed remained.

「Just one bed?」

「Yes, because Shuri and I sleep together.」

「If that's so, your new father should buy one for you next time.」

I put away Fina's bed into the Bear Box.

While I was at it, I also went into Tirumina-san's room and put away a similar bed.

「Still, Bear missy's item bag is amazing. Normally, everything would have been moved by a horse-drawn cart.」

Well, that was because it was an item I received from the administrator (God).

After that, I headed to each room and stored the large pieces of furniture.

「Are we done moving all of the luggage?」

The room was splendidly empty.

The other rooms were the same.

「Un, thank you again, Yuna-san.」

Since we had finished packing the things in Fina's house, we decided to head to Gentz-san's house next.

I wonder why?

It has often been said that when a guy lives by himself, it's disgusting.

Gentz-san also seemed to belong in that category.

Even though you knew beforehand that you would be moving, why didn't you do any cleaning?

「It's terrible.」

Tirumina murmured quietly after she saw the inside of the house.

「Sorry about that…」

Gentz lowered his head.

「Yuna-chan, sorry but could you take my daughters and go to the new house?」

「That's fine with me.」

「Fina.」

「Yes?」

「Both of you, first set up your own belongings. I already explained the assignment of the rooms yesterday, so you understand, right? Also, the house has already been cleaned a bit beforehand, but not the most troublesome sections, so please take care of those areas. Prioritize cleaning the bedrooms, okay? Once you're done with that, please tidy up the other rooms. I'll also leave the arrangement of the luggage to you. Once I'm done cleaning up this house, I'll head over to help as well.」

The house key was handed to Fina.

Next, she glanced in my direction.

「Yuna-chan, I'm sorry, but once you've unpacked the luggage, can you come over here again?」

「Yes.」

「Then, I'm counting on the three of you.」

As expected of an adult woman and a wife who brought up two kids. She quickly gave out efficient instructions.

We headed towards the new house that Fina's family would be living in.

It was located about halfway between the entrance of the guild and the inn that I had previously stayed at.

「Here it is.」

We stood in front of the large house.

We opened the door using the key that Tirumina-san handed over.

There probably wasn't any dust because it had been cleaned in advance.

「Big sis Yuna, can you please take out the cleaning tools?」

I took out the cleaning tools.

Fina headed towards the kitchen, carrying a bucket.

She drew water out of a water magic stone.

「Big sis Yuna, can you come to the second floor?」

The three of us climbed up to the second floor.

The second floor had two rooms.

Fina entered the room on the right.

The room was roughly the size of six tatami mats.

From a Japanese person's perspective, the room was a bit large.

Fina opened the window to let some fresh air in.

「Shuri, can you go open the window in mom's room too? Once you're done with that, please start cleaning.」

Shuri nodded and left the room.

Fina used a dust cloth to clean up the dirty areas.

「Big sis Yuna, can you please take out the luggage?」

I followed Fina's instructions and went about placing the furniture and the bed.

I more or less utilized the power of the bear to move things around.

Finally, I placed the box with Fina and Shuri's belongings inside on the floor.

Next, I headed into the room the parents would use and placed the bed and furniture.

I also placed Tirumina-san's belongings on the floor.

I put off placing the more trivial belongings and returned to the first floor.

There, Shuri was trying her best to clean with her small body.

I took out the table, chair, utensils, and other things in the kitchen.

I placed the miscellaneous things in an unused room on the first floor.

「Fina, this is all of the luggage. I'm going back to Gentz-san's house, okay?」

「Thank you very much.」

「Thank you.」

Both Fina and Shuri said their thanks.

「Both of you, please do your best.」

「For now, let's just clean up the bedrooms.」

When I arrived at Gentz-san's house, there was a mountain of boxes.

Right now, it felt like everything had been packed into boxes.

「Yuna-chan, can you take care of the luggage over there?」

I put away the luggage, following Tirumina-san's instructions.

When I looked at Gentz-san inside the room, I saw a tired face.

Even so, he obediently cleaned according to Tirumina-san's instructions.

Looks like he's already hen-pecked.

After the luggage was put away, one after another, the end was finally in sight.

The cleaning also gradually finished, and Gentz's house finally became empty too.

It took us a while, but we finally headed to the new house.

By the time we entered the house, more than half of the mountain of luggage had been put away.

Fina and Shuri came over when they noticed us.

「It's been tidied up quite a bit.」

「Yes, but we haven't finished yet.」

「It's not possible to finish it all in one day. For today, let's just focus on cleaning the places where we'll be sleeping. Yuna-chan, please place the non-furniture items that can be carried by hand in the back room on the first floor. Then, please place the other things in their designated places.」

For the time being, I went about arranging the large luggage that had been brought from Gentz-san's house into various rooms.

I placed them in the corners of the rooms, to be cleaned up at a later date.

For things that I didn't know where to put, I placed them on the first floor, in the back room that had been mentioned earlier.

「Since we've finished setting up our bedrooms, let's stop here for today.」

Tirumina-san came down to the first floor from the second floor.

「Fina, did you clean the kitchen and prepare for dinner?」

「I'm sorry, I haven't taken care of those areas yet.」

「Uun, even if we start now, we won't finish in time.」

「Then, do you want to go out to eat?」

Gentz-san brought up a proposal.

「We can't. There are still things we need to get so that four people to be able to live here from now on. The girls and I don't have much money saved up, and we shouldn't spend your hard-earned savings for such a thing.」

The two of them glared at each other.

「Aaah, I get it. I'll pay, so let's go somewhere to eat. It'll be fine this way, right?」

「We can't possibly trouble Yuna-chan any more than this. I'm already grateful that you helped us move the luggage. If we had to hire people to help, it would have cost us a lot of money. If it was just us, moving the beds and large items alone would have taken a few days. You have my gratitude for helping as much as you did. I can't do something as shameless as asking you, who has helped us this much, to treat us to a meal.」

I didn't really mind, though.

Well, certainly, a person with common sense would think that way.

I cured her illness, free of charge, and came to help them move without asking for compensation.

Now, I was even offering to pay for their meals.

I might have refused as well.

「If so, then, Tirumina-san, how about making the food at my house?」

「Yuna-chan's house?」

「It's fine to freely use the ingredients I have, so won't you cook me something delicious?」

「In that case, would it be fine…? I understand, I'll make you something delicious.」

Finally, a compromise was reached and five people ended up heading to the Bear House.

Chapter 34
Bear-san Enters The Bear Bath

We arrived at the Bear House.

「No matter how many times I see it, this house still amazes me.」

Both Tirumina and Gentz had already visited the Bear House several times before.

When they first came to the house to express their gratitude, they had wanted to see Fina's dismantling work, so I ended up giving them a tour of the Bear House.

「Okay then, I will be borrowing your kitchen. Fina, please give me a hand.」

「Me too!」

Shuri also volunteered to help cook.

「It's fine to use the ingredients as you see fit.」

「Un, thank you. Though, if we really do, it would be bad if we couldn't cook something tasty.」

「I don't really eat that much, so you don't have to worry about it.」

「I am always receiving wolf meat from you, so the number of unreturnable favors you've done for me has been increasing.」

The three of them headed to the kitchen.

The leftover Gentz and I each sat on a chair and waited.

「It's an amazing house.」

He looked around the room and muttered in a small voice.

「Is that a Tiger Wolf's pelt?」

The Tiger Wolf's pelt, which had been obtained during the first time Fina went out on a subjugation with me, was displayed on the wall.

The other one was being used as a blanket in my room.

「The first time I saw bear missy, I didn't think you would be such an amazing young lady.」

He said nostalgically.

Certainly, a little over a month had passed since I have arrived in this other world.

Even in town, my bear-like appearance was becoming famous.

It's scary what people can get used to.

Even the embarrassment I felt from having to wear this Bear Dress has disappeared.

『Bear missy』

『Bear-san』

『Bear girl』

『Bloody Bear』

There were various nicknames people called me by, but they were all nicknames for me.

Even now, I still couldn't do any dismantling, but I had gotten used to killing monsters.

It was probably due to the experience I gained from playing games.

I was able to meet Fina and see a lot of interesting things in this world.

Although I haven't gotten mail or messages from God since the first time, I am grateful that I was brought over to this world.

「But, missy, is it really okay?」

「Un?」

「About the house.」

「Ah, about that, hmm.」

I had bought the land under Gentz-san's new home as a wedding gift for them.

Gentz-san purchased the house using the money he had saved up during his lonely bachelorhood.

「I don't really mind. It's just that, in the case that I leave this town, I don't want to see the three of them wandering the streets one day because Gentz-san suddenly died. If they have a house, then at least they will definitely have a place to live.」

「Hey, hey, don't go killing me off all of a sudden. I have a bright and shining future waiting for me after this, so that kind of unfortunate fate doesn't await me!」

「If it's like that, then it's fine. Protect the three of them properly, okay? If you don't protect them, you know what will happen, right?」

「Of course. I swear to Roy in heaven that I'll protect the three of them.」

Roy was Tirumina-san's deceased husband, and the father of Fina and Shuri.

When they were young, the three of them were members of the same party. After Roy and Tirumina got married, the party was dissolved, and it seems that Gentz-san ended up working for the guild.

A few years later, however, when Tirumina-san was pregnant with Shuri, Roy accepted a request by himself and died.

Gentz has been protecting Tirumina's family ever since.

Apparently, they fell in love during that time.

While Gentz-san was telling me about these old stories, Fina and Shuri brought over the food.

Steam rose from each dish, making them look delicious.

Tirumina-san carried over the last dish, served on an extra large plate.

「Sorry to keep you waiting. There's a lot so please don't hold back.」

The three girls came back into the room and sat in their chairs.

「Yuna-chan, in the end, I used a considerable amount of ingredients. I'm sorry.」

「Don't worry about it. I have plenty of ingredients.」

「Also, that Bear Refrigerator is really great. The vegetables and meat didn't look spoiled at all.」

The Bear Refrigerator was a refrigerator that I had created in the shape of a bear.

I bought an ice magic stone and made it myself.

After all, the convenience and efficiency of the refrigerators in this world differed greatly from the ones in Japan, so I decided to make one myself.

「I can gift one to you as a wedding present.」

「I'd be happy, but my already unrepayable debt of gratitude would increase even more.」

「If you can't repay me, I can take your daughter instead.」

「Ara, you're fine with this daughter of mine?」

「She's honest, cute, diligent, thinks of her family, and is good at cooking and skinning. Every family would want one!」

The two of us turned to look at Fina, who was eating wolf meat.

「Uu, Mom! You too, Big sis Yuna, please stop it!」

「How do you raise a ten year-old girl to be like this one?」

「That was probably my fault. I fell ill, so she had to carry a heavy burden and ended up having to work harder than normal kids. She had to take care of my illness, her little sister, the housework, and the work from Gentz's workplace. As such, this child never did any childlike activities.」

「I didn't particularly think that it was a burden or anything.」

「As we've been saying, that kind of mentality is abnormal for a ten year old.」

「I'm not the only one who worked hard! Shuri also helped me out a lot!」

Fina patted her little sister's head, who was ravenously tearing into her food right next to her.

「That's true, Shuri also tried her best to help us.」

When we finished the meal, Tirumina-san took care of cleaning up.

After the meal, I was relaxing leisurely while drinking oren juice.

「It's about time, shall we go home?」

「It's already late, and there are vacant rooms for guests to stay overnight. Besides, Shuri is…」

Shuri was dozing off.

「Shuri-chan is tired because she did her best to help with moving, right?」

「Un.」

Tirumina-san seemed troubled as she looked at Shuri.

「It's not a bother?」

「Not at all. In addition, everyone is covered with dust and sweat because of the move. If you go home now, won't it be really troublesome to prepare the bath?」

「That's true. Then, can we impose on you?」

In this world, the idea of baths seemed to have spread to some degree.

If you weren't in complete poverty, the house would usually have one.

This, too, was thanks to magic stones.

It was possible to easily heat a bath using both a fire and a water magic stone.

The world of magic is just as convenient as the world of science.

I had finished the preparations for the bath while Tirumina-san was cooking the meal, so it was available for use at any time.

「Now then, since the preparations for the bath are finished, is it okay if the three of you go in? I'll guide you to your rooms afterwards.」

「Three people can enter?」

Back when I had made the bath, I purposefully made the bath really large, in case the summoned bears, Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear, got dirty and needed to use the bath. However, when I unsummoned and re-summoned them again for the sake of testing, they were no longer dirty, so I didn't have a chance to take advantage of the size of the bath.

「It's fine, even with three people. I'll go guide Fina.」

「Let's enter together, Big sis Yuna. That's fine with Mom too, right?」

「It's fine, but will we fit?」

「It's okay, because Big sis Yuna's Bear Bath is really big.」

「Bear Bath?」

「You'll understand when you go in.」

Fina took my hand, pulled me up from my chair, and woke up the drowsy Shuri.

Shuri stood up with a small yawn.

Finally, Fina grasped her mother's hand.

「Please don't come, Gentz-san.」

「I won't!」

The four of us headed to the bathroom.

「Please take off your clothes here.」

In Japan, it was called a dressing room.

I laid out a basket for each person.

Everyone took off their clothes and placed them into the basket.

「Yuna-chan…」

「What?」

「No, it's just that, this is the first time I've seen Yuna-chan's real face.」

「Is that so? Even if I'm wearing the hood, you still can't see my face?」

「I can see it, but the impression I get when you're wearing the hood and when you aren't wearing the hood are completely different. I really didn't think you'd be such a cute child.」

「Yes, Big sis Yuna is a beauty.」

「Yes, yes, the flattery is appreciated, but I'm entering the bath now.」

I took off the bear dress and entered the bathroom.

The bathroom was large enough to hold about ten people inside.

A white bear and a black bear sat on opposite sides of the bath. Hot water was flowing out of their mouths.

They were based on the hot springs I had gone to, where they would frequently have hot water coming out of an animal's mouth.

「It's really a Bear Bath, huh?」

「First, please wash your body.」

「Hey, there's also soap. It's like an aristocrat's bath!」

「Come here, Shuri, I'll wash your body.」

Shuri headed over to where her older sister was.

「Then, sit in this chair.」

Fina started washing Shuri's body, starting from the top of her head.

When Tirumina-san saw that, she looked like she regretted missing the chance to wash her daughter's body.

Then, she looked over here.

「Yuna-chan, shall I help you wash your back?」

「I can do it by myself. Please stick to washing your daughter.」

「But, isn't it really troublesome to wash that beautiful black hair of yours, since it's so long?」

「It's troublesome, but I can do it alone.」

…Though I said that, my hair had been long for several years, so I had gotten used to washing it.

Fina sat next to me and washed her body and hair.

Shuri, who had finished washing her body earlier, was already soaking in the bath by herself.

While Fina was in the middle of washing her body, she was caught and was now in the middle of being washed by Tirumina-san.

I finished washing my body and was the second person to soak in the bath.

After that was Fina, then Tirumina.

「Still, Yuna-chan has a good figure.」

「Is that so?」

I have a slim waist, but my chest is,

「Your chest is a little pitiful though.」

What I was thinking was said aloud first.

My breasts were only slightly bigger than Fina's.

Though, I was also comparing myself to a ten year-old girl.

「I'm sure my breasts will swell bountifully before long.」

「I think that's impossible?」

That's not the case.

The possibility of them growing bigger still exists for several more years.

「Will mine grow bigger?」

Fina entered our conversation.

I compared Tirumina-san and Fina.

「You're free to continue dreaming.」

「Somehow, it feels like a really cruel thing was said.」

Tirumina-san looked at her own not-so-big chest.

「It's alright, so don't worry about it. Fina's breasts will surely grow big.」

「I think around Big sis Yuna's size is good.」

GUSH!

I embraced Fina tightly.

It was a moment when Fina and I deepened our friendship through skinship.

Things like this and that happened until we got out of the bath.

When we returned, Gentz looked lonely, since he had been by himself.

Looking towards us,

「You girls, you took too long!」

Gentz-san's cry rang throughout the room.

Chapter 35
Bear-san Uses A Hair Dryer

「Well then, it's my turn to enter the bath.」

Gentz-san headed to the bathroom.

The four people who were left behind dried their hair with towels.

At this rate, it would take a long time for it to dry, so I went to my room and brought back an item that resembled a hair dryer.

I used earth magic to recreate a hair dryer's shape and then inserted a fire and a wind magic stone inside, thus completing the imitation hair dryer.

「Fina, come here for a bit.」

「What is it?」

「Turn around.」

She obediently came over and turned around.

Her hair, which had grown slightly past her shoulders, dangled in front of me.

I gripped the dryer and inserted magic power, instead of pressing a switch.

A warm wind blew out of the dryer.

「Hya! What is it?!」

Fina let out a small yelp and turned her head to face me.

「It's a tool that blows out warm air to dry your hair.」

I aimed some wind at Fina's hand to demonstrate that it was safe.

「It's warm.」

「If you understand, turn around.」

I dried Fina's hair and then began drying Shuri's hair next.

The sisters were both obedient children.

「That's quite a convenient tool you have there.」

「I made it because drying my long hair is troublesome.」

「When you're done, can you lend it to me too?」

「Sure.」

I finished drying Shuri's hair and lent the dryer to Tirumina-san.

「Is it okay for me to go first?」

「Mine is long, so it will take a long time.」

「In that case, thanks for letting me use it.」

Tirumina-san dried her hair and, while I was in the middle of drying my hair, Gentz-san came out of the bath.

「That was a good bath. I was surprised by the bears though. Missy, thank-」

Gentz-san saw my appearance and froze.

「What's the matter?」

「You're bear missy, right?」

「Haa? Did you possibly hit your head while you were in the bath?」

「No, it's because…」

Gentz-san looked at the three people next to me.

「……？」

「Yuna-chan doesn't seem to have an accurate view of herself, so it's useless.」

「……?」

I didn't understand what they were talking about, so I continued to dry my hair.

While I was in the middle of leisurely drying my hair, Fina came over to give me a hand.

「Well then, I'll guide you to your rooms.」

I took the four people up to the second floor.

「Gentz-san can have the room at the back. There's only two beds for the three of you, but is this room okay?」

「Yes, it's fine because Shuri and I normally sleep together.」

I looked over at Gentz-san.

「Gentz-san.」

「What?」

「The girls will be sleeping next to her, so please don't sneak into Tirumina-san's bed.」

I told Gentz-san with a serious face.

「I won't do such a thing!」

「By the way, calling her to your own room is no good either, because I don't want to have to wash stained bedding.」

「I also don't want to make you wash such a thing!」

「For that reason, Tirumina-san as well, please refrain from going to Gentz-san's room.」

「I understand already! There's no way I would do that sort of thing in someone else's house, especially with my daughters here. Besides, I'm understandably tired today, so I also want to go to sleep. Once again, thank you so much for today, really.」

「Big sis Yuna, good night.」

「Good night.」

The three entered their room.

「I'm also heading to bed. You really saved us today. Thank you.」

Gentz-san thanked me in an embarrassed manner and also went to his room.

I'll return to my room and sleep too.

The next morning, when I woke up and descended down to the first floor, I saw Fina preparing breakfast.

「Good morning.」

「Good morning to you too.」

「You're up early.」

「Yes, because I've always been preparing breakfast for my family. Um, I made breakfast without your permission, but…」

「Thank you. You don't really need to worry about the ingredients. So, is everyone else still sleeping?」

「Uncle Gentz- no, I mean, Father has gone off to work. He wanted me to pass on his thanks to Big sis Yuna.」

He ran around when Tirumina-san fell gravely ill, looked for a house, and even took time off for the move.

As expected, taking leave for too many days isn't good.

「Ah, Shuri and mom are still asleep though.」

「What should we do? Though, if they're tired, I would rather let them sleep.」

「It's okay. Shuri is usually like this. Mom is weak in the mornings, since she was sick for so long, but she'll get up when you wake her.」

In other words, they were unable to get up by themselves, huh?

「I finished cooking breakfast, so I'll go wake them up.」

Fina went to the second floor to wake the two people up.

After a while, three people arrived.

「Good morning. Yuna-chan, thanks for yesterday.」

「Good morning!」

Tirumina-san and Shuri came while rubbing their eyes.

The four of us ate the breakfast that Fina had cooked.

Breakfast was simply vegetables sandwiched between slices of bread and oren juice.

Now that I think about it, we're not eating fried eggs.

Even though it's delicious in a sandwich.

I haven't seen any eggs in town though.

「Fina, I have a small question I wanted to ask.」

「Yes, what is it?」

「Where do they sell eggs?」

「Yes?」

「Eggs, I said. When you fry an egg, place it on bread, and eat it, it's delicious!」

「Big sis Yuna, such an expensive ingredient isn't sold.」

「Is that so?」

「That's right. Basically, eggs are considered luxury ingredients, so only nobles and really rich people get to eat them.」

I didn't know.

No wonder it wasn't being sold.

「It's necessary to go to the forest to procure them, and they'll spoil quickly over time, so bringing them over a long distance isn't possible. Using a fast horse to bring them is costly, so they've become an expensive ingredient. We've never eaten one before.」

「Umm, what about catching and raising a bird that can't fly…?」

「A bird that can't fly? Aren't they called birds because they can fly?」

Apparently, there weren't any chickens in this world.

If I searched, would I find one somewhere?

I added chicken and eggs to my food ingredients wish list.

The three of them finished eating breakfast and went back home to continue the moving process.

I offered to help again, but was turned down.

「It's not good if Big sis Yuna doesn't go to work.」

Though she said that, even if I didn't really go to work, I still had enough money to live on.

A great person once said, if you work, you lose.

However, in order to have fun in this world, I headed to the guild to search for an interesting request.

Chapter 36
Bear-san Is Thanked By The Guild Master

I arrived at the guild so I could look for an interesting request.

When I entered the guild, my eyes met Helen's.

I tried to go to the request board without stopping, but…

「Yuna-san!」

Helen shouted.

I would like it if you didn't suddenly shout out when you saw people.

Aren't the adventurers in the room looking over here now?

「What is it?」

「What did you do this time? I was told to tell you that the guild master wishes to see you whenever you arrived.」

What was this lady saying, as soon as I walked in?

「Why? I didn't do anything this time.」

「Is that really true?」

Even if you look at me with suspecting eyes, I don't remember anything.

I haven't even accepted any requests these past few days.

Regardless of my feelings on the matter, I was taken to the guild master's room again.

「Guild master! Yuna-san arrived, so I've brought her here.」

A voice from inside called "come in".

I entered reluctantly.

「For now, please sit down.」

I sat down in the chair that was closest to the entrance.

「Umm, it seems like I was called, but for what?」

「It's about Gentz. I wanted to thank you.」

「Thank me?」

「You cured Tirumina's illness and also made Gentz get married, it seems?」

「That's true, but why would the guild master be thanking me for that?」

「First, because I heard that Tirumina's illness was cured by a rare medicine from your hometown.」

Gentz was keeping quiet about how she was cured by magic.

If it was spread carelessly and people who wanted their illnesses cured came to me, it would become troublesome.

For that reason, we pretended that the illness had been cured by a rare medicine.

「Tirumina-san was a former adventurer here, so I wanted to check up on her when she fell sick.」

「Was it for Fina's sake, since she was working at the guild?」

「That's right. I thought about how to help, even if it was just a little. However, it wasn't possible to openly employ her, so we could only do it when there was a lot of

work. That's why I was grateful when you brought the wolves. You're employing her even now, right?」

「I'm just doing as I like.」

「It's not just that. That fellow Gentz still hadn't gotten married despite his age. I knew that he had feelings for Tirumina, but she was sick, and even though her husband was gone, she still had two kids. Then, suddenly, you came along, healed Tirumina's illness, and supported Gentz's feelings. That was why I wanted to express my gratitude. Thank you.」

「You don't have to worry about it. I intimidated them into getting married for Fina's sake.」

「And that wasn't because you were worried about her, but because you wanted her to be able to concentrate on work, right?」

He said it cheerfully.

Could it be that the relationship between Gentz-san and the guild master wasn't as simple as one between a subordinate and a superior?

However, that is unrelated to me, so I'm going to go home.

「Then, I'm leaving.」

I was about to stand up, when someone knocked on the door.

「Guild master, Cliff Foschurose-sama has arrived. Shall I show him in?」

「Ah, I don't mind.」

The door opened and Cliff entered the room.

「Pardon me for imposing on you so early in the morning.」

Cliff noticed me after entering the room.

「Bear girl?」

「Well then, please allow me to excuse myself here.」

「Ah, I took up quite a bit of your time.」

I stood up from the chair and tried to leave the room, but I was stopped at the last moment.

「Ah, is it okay for Yuna to stay?」

The feudal lord, Cliff, said such a thing.

「I also have a small matter that I want to consult with Yuna about.」

Cliff pushed down my shoulders and made me sit in a chair.

「So, what is it, so early in the morning?」

「You also know that the king is celebrating his 40th birthday next month, correct?」

「Ah, more or less.」

「I don't have anything worthy to gift the king on that occasion.」

「If that's the case, go to the Commerce Guild. This is the Adventurer's Guild.」

「I already went, but there didn't seem to be anything that a king would be happy with. Even if I presented something that could be bought with money, he wouldn't be happy. That's why, I was wondering if there were any rare swords, armor, or tools at the Adventurer's Guild.」

「The noticeable things are turned over to the Commerce Guild.」

「As I thought. I came to check, just in case. So, for plan B, I'd like to consult with you, Yuna-san.」

「What?」

「Don't you have rare items with you? Like the item bag that looks like a bear or the item that summons the summoned beasts.」

「I'm sorry, but I don't. Of course, there's no way I'm handing over this bear item bag.」

「In that case, can't you create something like that Bear House-thing? I've seen it and it was amazing. Still, something that large would be difficult to carry, so I'd be grateful for something small.」

Un, there's nothing I can't make.

If I used ideas from Earth, I could create something like that hair dryer.

However, if I did something like that, things would probably become really troublesome.

If it turned out that way, living a leisurely life would be impossible.

For now, I checked to see whether there were any suitable items inside the Bear Box.

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Un? There's a good item.

「You came to the Adventurer's Guild to look for unusual weapons or armor, right?」

「Yes.」

「In that case, what about this?」

I took out the Goblin King's sword from the Bear Box.

「This is?」

「The Goblin King's sword.」

「Really?!」

「I certainly heard about you defeating a Goblin King before, but to think you were carrying the Goblin King's sword!」

The two people's reactions were unexpectedly good.

「For now, let's confirm its authenticity.」

The guild master called a staff member over and requested a staff member who could perform identification.

An elderly man arrived immediately.

He examined the Goblin King's sword.

「There's no mistake, this is a Goblin King's sword.」

「I see, thanks for your help. You can go back now.」

The male staff member left the room.

「Will this be acceptable as a gift to the king?」

「Ah, it's good enough, since it's a rare sword.」

「Is that so? Isn't it something that you can obtain by defeating a Goblin King?」

「Not all Goblin Kings have it. I don't know the details, but apparently this was originally a normal sword. When the Goblin King carries it, the Goblin King's magic power flows through it and it transforms, or so I've been told. Therefore, Goblin Kings who are born with weak magic power aren't able to possess a true Goblin King's sword.」

Even in the game, it had a low probability of dropping.

I wonder if it was the same thing?

Though, to begin with, there was no concept of a Goblin King's development in the game.

「So then, are you going to give me that sword?」

「It's fine with me.」

「Then, around how much do you want for it?」

「I don't know the value of such things, so how much would something like this be?」

「To tell you the truth, I don't know. Even if you want one, it's difficult to obtain one. Whatever you decide on is fine with me. If I am able to pay it, then I'll buy it.」

「With this approach, won't I be at a disadvantage, since I don't know the market price?」

Well, I wasn't hard-pressed for money so any amount was fine. Due to that, I didn't really care.

「I'm fine with giving it to you, so how about one favor instead?」

「A favor?」

「A feudal lord knows a lot about bad things, right? So, I want your assistance if I get into trouble.」

「Don't say such scandalous things. I'm a respectable person.」

「Well, jokes aside, if I have a favor to ask of you next time, I'd like for you to listen to my request.」

「What would you want me to do, as an example?」

「To make the guild master resign or something?」

「H-Hey!」

The guild master stood up.

「It's a joke. I don't have anything I need right now. I'll be counting on you if something comes up. If nothing does, isn't it a good deal for you?」

「Are you alright with that?」

「I'm fine. It seems more interesting this way.」

「In that case, I'll receive this gratefully. Is a contract prepared?」

「I don't need one. It's fine if the promise is broken.」

I faced him with a smile.

As a matter of fact, the sword was unnecessary.

It wasn't a problem for me even if I didn't have it.

I thought it was worthwhile as long as he owed me a favor.

「No, if it's something I can do, I swear to lend a hand.」

Swearing that he would help was going way overboard.

「Well then, I'll be counting on you when the time comes.」

Chapter 37
Bear-san Goes On A Snake Subjugation

I was delayed by the Guild Master and Cliff, but I finally managed to head to the request board.

Rank D Board:

Sword instructor wanted, females preferred.

Orc subjugation, bring back the meat.

Fresh clucker's eggs wanted.

All of a tiger wolf's raw materials wanted.

200 goblin magic stones, no time limit.

Gather Meru Meru Grass.

Subjugation of Rock Monkeys on Whale Mountain, number currently undecided.

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There was nothing that stood out.

I was interested in the clucker's eggs, but the location wasn't written. Maybe the person who had requested it didn't know either.

In addition, even if you asked for it to be fresh, wasn't that impossible for a normal adventurer?

Without a time-stopping item bag like mine, that is.

Though I'd go if I knew the location, just so I could find eggs to eat.

After that were the Rock Monkeys on Whale Mountain, but the undetermined number was a problem. I don't want to receive a request that has no end in sight.

If I hadn't been caught by the Guild Master and Cliff, there might have been other requests, but now it can't be helped.

I went to take a look at the rank C board next.

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Rank C Board

A Wyvern's raw materials wanted.

Private escort wanted, confidentiality required.

Mermaid's scales wanted.

Request for the annihilation of the Zamon company of thieves.

Gather Histori Flowers.

Subjugate a water snake, bring back raw materials.

Subjugate a fire tiger, bring back raw materials.

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The rank C requests seemed interesting, but I didn't know how far away the locations were.

However, I was surprised to learn that mermaids existed.

It might be a good idea to go take a look someday.

There didn't seem to be any interesting requests for a one-day trip, so I was thinking about heading back home, but I noticed that there was a lot of noise coming from the reception desk.

「Why is it no good?!」

「I'm not saying that it's no good, just that it will take time.」

「There isn't any time! My pops and mum and everyone else in the village will die!」

A short-statured boy was appealing to Helen while in tears.

「Like I said, there aren't any adventurers who can defeat a Black Viper right now. Even if I call for one, it will have to wait until tomorrow.」

「My mum and pops will…」

The boy broke down and started crying.

「What's the matter?」

「Yuna-san.」

I approached the two of them.

「It seems like a Black Viper has appeared at this child's village.」

「Is the Black Viper a snake?」

「Yes, it's larger than a normal viper. The especially large ones are over ten meters long. It seems that many villagers have already been eaten. This boy came into town on a horse, but the adventurers who can defeat something like a Black Viper already left earlier. The earliest that they could come back will be in a few days.」

A Black Viper, huh?

I looked at the crying boy.

「Then, what if I go?」

「You talk about going to the area with the snake so lightly. A Black Viper is not only big, but also a rank B monster, you know!」

「But if we don't hurry, won't the villagers be in danger?」

「Even so!」

「I'll run away if the situation becomes dangerous, so it's fine. Helen can follow the procedures for summoning adventurers to help, just in case, since I can at least stall for time.」

「Umm, are you coming by yourself, miss?」

The boy had been listening to our conversation and asked me anxiously.

It was no wonder that he was worried, since I had said that I would take care of the Black Viper subjugation alone.

「It's fine to think of me as a scout. My role will be to gather information and pass it along to the adventurers who can defeat the Black Viper. So, where is the village?」

「It's two days away by horse, to the southeast.」

I wonder if the distance you can cover by riding a horse for two days is a lot?

Though, I don't know how many hours I would need to run each day.

「Are you really going?」

「Yeah, since I'm free.」

「In that case, please wait a moment while I go receive confirmation from the Guild Master.」

Helen left her post and headed to the Guild Master's room, but soon returned together with him.

「You're going to fight a Black Viper?」

「I'm only going to take a look at the situation. If it seems like I can defeat it, I will. If not, I'll gather information, run away, and leave it to the adventurers Helen was talking about.」

「Helen, which adventurers?」

「It will be the rank C adventurer One-Eyed Rush and his party.」

「Rank C's One-Eyed, huh? I'm worried if that's the case. If you can arrange for others to go as well, do it.」

「I understand.」

「Okay then, let's go, Yuna!」

「Go, you say…」

「I will also be going.」

「A Black Viper subjugation requires one to be, at the minimum, rank C. We would prefer sending a rank B adventurer, but since that seems impossible, please just confirm the situation and create some time for the villagers to evacuate if you can.」

「But, how does the Guild Master plan to get there?」

「I'll use my fast horse, so I should arrive in two days.」

「If that's the case, I'll go on ahead. With my summoned beasts, it shouldn't even take a day.」

「Wait, is that true?」

「I have two summoned beasts, so if I go while taking turns riding on them, it's possible.」

「Summoned beasts, huh? I got it. You can go ahead, but be sure not to overexert yourself before I arrive.」

「Understood.」

As soon as I tried to leave the guild, the boy pulled at me and stopped me.

「Hold on, you're not taking me with you?」

「You're a burden.」

「I'll lead the way, so we should be able to get there faster.」

I looked at the boy's physique.

He seemed light.

Was it still possible if the weight only increased by this much?

「Fine, but there won't be any breaks.」

「I don't care, it's for the sake of the village. I don't want to just wait by myself in this kind of place.」

「Then, since there's no time to waste, let's go, boy.」

「It's Kai.」

「I'm Yuna. Then, let's go, Kai.」

We left the city, and I summoned Swaying Bear.

Kai was surprised.

「Get on quickly. Aren't you in a hurry?」

「Miss, who are you? Even though you have that kind of appearance.」

「That kind of thing doesn't matter, right? Isn't your family waiting?」

Kai nodded and got on Swaying Bear.

I got on behind him.

「Stay steady, look forward, and indicate the direction.」

Kai nodded.

Swaying Bear began to run in the direction that Kai indicated.

It was faster than a horse and had more endurance.

I'll switch the bears after it has run for about three hours.

At that time, I'll squeeze in a bit of time for a meal.

「Finish eating in five minutes.」

I handed Kai bread and juice from the Bear Box.

Kai expressed his thanks and ate the bread with large bites.

「How far have we come?」

「We are around halfway there.」

In that case, it would take about four more hours to arrive?

「Then, let's go!」

We switched to Hugging Bear and headed out at a rapid pace.

Although Kai had just arrived this morning on a fast horse and was probably tired, he persevered and properly guided us to the village.

「If the direction is correct, it will be fine for you to sleep a little.」

Kai shook his head.

「It's fine, I can't sleep anyway. Also, if the direction shifts even a little, we would waste some time. At first, I thought that even if you came, it would be futile. But when I saw these summoned beasts, I thought, 'Isn't miss an amazing adventurer?' Even if you can't defeat the Black Viper, shouldn't you be able to at least evacuate the villagers? That's why I want to hurry and get to the village. I think that, at the very least, my role is to ensure that we don't go in the wrong direction and shorten the distance it takes to get there.」

Kai firmly understood his situation.

This boy was too mature.

Fina was good, this child was good…What was going on with the children in this world?

「In that case, please guide us reliably.」

「Ahh, so please save the village, miss.」

「If it's possible, I'll do so.」

Hugging Bear ran quickly towards the village.

Chapter 38
Bear-san Exterminates A Snake

Several hours after switching to Hugging Bear, we changed to Swaying Bear one last time.

As the sun began to set, the village came into sight.

Swaying Bear gradually reduced its pace as we carefully entered the village.

It was quiet inside.

There wasn't a single sound, just like a ghost town.

Annihilation.

That unpleasant word crossed my mind.

「Guys, are you there!? It's me, Kai! I've returned!」

Kai shouted at the village.

However, nobody came out.

No, the door for one house suddenly opened.

「Kai?」

A man came out of the house.

「Pops! What about mum and all the other villagers?!」

「Your mom is safe, but greatly weakened, since she has hardly eaten anything for the past few days.」

「What about the other villagers?」

「They just won't come out.」

「Why?!」

「That monster reacts to sound. The Erumina family tried to run away and were eaten. Rondo went to draw water at the well and was also eaten. That's why, nobody wants to leave their house, since they might be eaten.」

「Then, talking here is also…」

「Yes, it's dangerous out here.」

「In that case, pops-」

「But, somebody needs to do something, for Domogoru's sake.」

「Domogoru-san?」

「When I was helping you get on the horse to go call for help, Domogoru acted as a decoy and was killed.」

「Domogoru-san was…」

「That's why, if you came back, I wanted to ask you about the situation in order to decide what to do from now on. That's the only thing we can do in memory of Domogoru's sacrifice.」

「Pops…」

「So, is that missy the only one who could help?」

Kai's father looked in my direction.

As usual, I had the appearance of a bear.

His expression suggested disappointment.

「This big sis came first, for the sake of collecting information. The guild master will come later. They said that rank C adventurers will be dispatched after that.」

「I see, how long will it take them to arrive?」

「Thanks to this lady's summoned beasts, we took half a day to get here from the city, but the guild master said that he would take two days. I don't know when the other adventurers will come.」

「I see. Missy, what are you going to do?」

「I'll gather information first, though, if it's possible, I'll defeat it.」

「That joke is neither funny nor appropriate. I don't know if it's even possible to defeat that thing, much less you being able to defeat it.」

The father vehemently spat out his words.

「That's for me to decide, not you. Any information you have about the Black Viper would be useful, so tell me.」

「I don't have much information. It came to the village to eat early in the morning. After it destroyed a house and ate all of the inhabitants, it left. Anyone who tried to escape from the village after that was eaten. Also, those who made a lot of noise were eaten first.」

Early in the morning, huh? Was it because it was asleep at night?

「For the time being, here's some food. Please give it to your wife to eat.」

I passed over a large amount of bread and a small barrel containing juice from the Bear Box.

「If the other villagers will accept it, I'll give some to them as well.」

「What are you going to do?」

「I'm going to go look at the viper.」

「This late?」

The sun was currently setting. In another hour, the sun would completely set and the sky would darken.

「It's because it's this late. I'm going since it might be asleep. If it finds me and we start fighting, feel free to leave me as bait and run away. If you have horses, you can run away, right?」

「No, nobody would try to escape, since everyone thinks that they'll be eaten if they run. Also, there's not enough horses in the village for everyone to use to run away.」

「In that case, please wait quietly until the Guild Master and the adventurers arrive.」

I got on Swaying Bear and used detection magic.

There was a reaction a short distance away from here.

「Then, I'll be off.」

I made Swaying Bear head in the direction of the reaction.

We would probably arrive in a few minutes if Swaying Bear ran as fast as it could.

It ran quickly over the flat terrain.

The Black Viper should come into view soon.

As it became evening, I could see a big rock in the distance.

No, what I had thought was a rock was actually a massive, coiled viper.

It was huge.

If it was sleeping, I should ensure victory by making the first move.

I got off of Swaying Bear and desummoned it.

When I looked at the viper again, it had already risen up, and its long tongue slithered out as it looked in my direction.

It felt like a tall, narrow building had suddenly been built.

It was enormous!

The massive object started moving to attack me.

A huge mouth came rushing towards me.

The distance was closed in an instant.

Fast!

I immediately dodged by taking a step to the right.

The massive thing grazed past my left side. The moment I thought I had dodged it, the viper twisted its body and attacked me with it. I threw up a guard using my Bear Hands and was blown backward, but there was not much of an impact.

Was it thanks to the bear?

There wasn't any time to think, as a second attack was on the way.

I couldn't escape over it because of the size of its body. Instead, I ran away, dodging right and left. However, even if I avoided the attacks, its body and tail continued to attack me, one after the other, two, no, three times in a row.

Every time it moved its large body, it raised a cloud of dust and reduced visibility.

Furthermore, it was evening, and the monster's body was black.

It seemed like it reacted to sounds, as the villager said.

Could it be that I made a mistake with my timing?

I blew away the clouds of dust with wind magic.

Every time it stopped, I drove in several magic attacks, but it seemed like I wasn't hurting it at all.

Fire, wind, and even ice attacks were repelled by its black scales.

I couldn't use pitfalls either, due to its size.

Hmm, so normal magic attacks were useless, huh?

Bear magic might be too much though.

I could probably defeat it if I used a fire bear, but that skin seemed like it could be used in many different ways, so I didn't really want to burn it if possible.

In the game, you could still receive the item regardless of the subjugation method, but as expected, reality was different.

When a sword cut something, it would leave a wound behind, and in the case of magic attacks, that part of the material would be damaged.

I gave up on using fire magic and tried using Bear Wind Magic instead.

Even slashing was useless.

The moment I thought that it had started bleeding, the wound immediately closed.

Was it a Regeneration ability?

If attacking the outside was no good, how about attacking from the inside?

I jumped backwards and opened up a bit of distance.

The Black Viper slithered forward to shortened the distance.

I dodged while waiting for a chance.

However, it only used tackles, and bites never came.

It was pretty tight-lipped.

If I jumped up, would it open its jaw?

I kicked off of the ground and jumped high up.

The Black Viper then opened its big mouth and lunged towards me, who no longer had a place to escape to.

At that instant, I produced dozens of palm-sized fire bears.

The mini-fire bears assembled neatly into ranks in front of me.

The Black Viper's mouth approached me carelessly.

It was almost as if it was saying, "Bears, please enter my mouth."

I accepted its polite invitation and made the mini-fire bears rush into the Black Viper's mouth.

The bears entered deep into the Black Viper's body, grilling its tongue along the way.

The Black Viper began to behave like it was suffering, and its long body, which had been extended for the sake of eating me, began to curl up as it toppled to the ground.

It began to roll around on the surface and threw its body against the ground over and over, creating a loud boom each time.

Its movements gradually slowed before finally stopping.

Let's keep the delicious smell of well-grilled meat coming from the Black Viper's mouth a secret.

「Is it over?」

As expected, it was impossible to defeat a monster of this class with ordinary magic.

Was it necessary for me to think of easier to use Bear Magic?

I approached the Black Viper and put it away in the Bear Box.

Mission accomplished.

I summoned Hugging Bear and returned to the village.

When I neared the village, I saw Kai standing outside.

「What are you doing in this kind of place?」

「I was waiting for you, big sis.」

「For me?」

「Un, I thought that if you came back while running away, I would let myself be eaten to create time for you to run away.」

He said in a straightforward manner, with a strong gaze.

It probably wasn't a joke.

「Why?」

「Big sis brought back information on how to defeat the Black Viper, right? If we have that information, won't it be possible to defeat that thing? If that happens, the village will survive. If Big sis died, I wouldn't be able to repay Domogoru-san, who sacrificed himself so that I could go to town.」

There sure were a lot of children with strong wills among the children in this world.

I gently stroked Kai's head.

「Big sis?」

「It's all right, because I defeated the Black Viper.」

「Eh?」

「Can you call everyone from the village over here? I'll be showing the evidence.」

「Really?」

I laughed, and said,

「Step back a bit.」

After I made Kai step back, I took the Black Viper's corpse out from the Bear Box, for the purpose of using it as evidence.

Kai was surprised when he saw the large Black Viper.

「Is it dead?」

He asked me with a voice full of doubt.

To prove the truth of my words, I punched and kicked the corpse. The Black Viper didn't move, of course.

「So it's really…」

Kai timidly touched the Black Viper.

「I'll go call everyone!」

Kai went running into the village.

After a while, the villagers left their houses and slowly made their way over here.

「Was it really defeated?」

「It's the Black Viper!」

「Is it dead?」

There were people who burst into tears upon seeing the Black Viper.

「T-Thank you.」

「Thank you very much.」

「Big sis, thank you!」

Everyone from the village expressed their thanks to me.

Kai's father came out from the center.

「Miss, I'm sorry about earlier. Also, thank you. You saved the village.」

He came up to me and suddenly lowered his head.

「You don't have to worry about it. Anyone who looked at me probably would have thought that it wasn't possible for a young girl like me to defeat it.」

「If there's anything you want, just tell me. If it's something I can do, I'll do it, since this is a life that you saved.」

「There's nothing that I particularly want. Instead, please live properly, for your son's sake.」

As Kai's father was apologizing, an elderly person came up besides him.

One after another, who was it this time?

「I am Nagano Zun. Thank you very much for saving the village.」

He lowered his head.

「However, if I had only come earlier…」

「No, I asked Kai. When you met Kai in town and heard his story, you immediately rushed out. Considering when we expected to get help, it was more than fast enough. Even my earliest expectation of when help would arrive was after three more days. That's why, it is not necessary for you to feel guilty about the people who have already died.」

Since he had said that, I had no choice but to swallow the rest of my words.

The elder turned around and looked at everyone from the village.

「Everyone hasn't eaten well either, right? Although it's late, let's have a feast.」

The villagers replied to his proposal with delight.

There were people crying, people grieving, and people rejoicing.

「We can’t give you sufficiently extravagant hospitality, but please join us.」

The elder lowered his head and left to prepare for the feast.

The villagers brought many ingredients out of their respective houses, and they started a bonfire in the center of the village to begin cooking various types of food.

We danced, made noise, and ate.

That day, the villagers raised a great clamor.

For the sake of those who died.

For the sake of living from now on.

To give thanks for being alive.

As I leisurely observed the state of the village, villagers came to me one by one to express their gratitude while carrying food.

Maybe my childish appearance was unusual, because the children kept touching me.

The sight of their parents stopping them was repeated many times.

The feast continued late into the night, and it was decided that I would stay the night at the elder’s house.

Chapter 39
Bear-san Finishes The Snake Extermination And Returns To Town

The next morning, I woke up early.

The ceiling was different.

I remembered that I had stayed at the village chief's house.

As I got up, I heard a sound coming from the room next door.

The elder had apparently already woken up.

「Good morning.」

「Did I wake you up?」

「That wasn't the case.」

「In that case, I'm making breakfast, though it will be a simple affair, so please wait a moment.」

I spaced out while waiting, until breakfast was served.

There was bread, vegetables, and…sunny-side up eggs?

「Please have some, it would be great if it suits your tastes.」

「Umm, what's this?」

I pointed to the fried eggs.

「These are clucker eggs. Kai's father went into the forest first thing this morning, saying that he wanted to let Yuna-san eat it.」

「Umm, thank you very much for that.」

After I thanked him, I used a knife to slice the loaf of bread, sandwiched the vegetables and eggs in between, and ate it.

「Delicious.」

「I'm happy that you think so. Kai's father will also be happy to hear that.」

Since I was nearly done with breakfast, I decided that I might as well follow up and try asking about the eggs.

「Can clucker eggs be obtained in this village?」

「That's right. There are cluckers in the forest, so if you go first thing in the morning, you can obtain some freshly laid ones.」

「What kind of birds are they?」

「Normal birds make their nests high up in the trees, but since they aren't able to fly very high, they make their nests in thickets of grass on the ground instead. Other than that, cluckers can run away very quickly.」

Chicken?

「Since they were caught just this morning, I think I still have some cluckers and eggs left. Do you want to bring them home?」

「Is it okay?」

「Of course! You are our village's benefactor. It's not something that we aren't able to afford, so we don't mind at all.」

Eggs and pseudo-chicken get!

After I finished having breakfast, I started preparing to head back.

「Are you returning today?」

「Yes, because it's also necessary to report to the guild.」

When I left the village chief's house, Kai came over to me.

「Big sis, are you going back?」

「It's because the Guild Master and the group of adventurers are both heading here, not to mention that if I don't submit a report, it'll become troublesome.」

Before I started to return to town, I received about ten eggs and three cluckers from Kai's father.

This subjugation might be the one that I'm the happiest about.

It's a bit far, but let's come again.

As the villagers all expressed their gratitude, I departed from the village.

I summoned Swaying Bear and we started running in the direction of the town.

Around noon, while we were running towards town, a person appeared in front of me, coming closer.

By any chance, was it the Guild Master?

Swaying Bear slowed down its speed.

「Is it Yuna?」

The Guild Master noticed me and pulled up his horse.

「What are you doing here? Don't tell me, the village was annihilated?」

「If it's about the Black Viper, I already defeated it.」

「……haa, my bad, could you say that again?」

「I already defeated the Black Viper.」

「That's a joke, right?」

It was a pain, so I took the Black Viper out from the Bear Box.

The Black Viper, which exceeded 10 meters in length, appeared in front of the Guild Master.

「Did you really defeat this alone? There's no wounds on the body though.」

「I drove fire magic into its mouth and burned it to death, to avoid damaging its body.」

「From inside its mouth, to do that so easily…」

He gazed at the Black Viper.

Was he going to check inside of its mouth?

「Certainly, you did well to attack it from inside. Normally, you'd be crushed by its jaws, so you wouldn't be able to reach all the way inside.」

I didn't want to tell him that the mini-flame bears were the ones who walked deep inside of its body.

「For now, I understand. If there's no point in going to the village, I'll return to town.」

Swaying Bear and the horse began running.

「Sorry but, compared to your summoned beast, my horse can't run that fast. Can you keep pace with me? I want to hear what happened.」

I explained what occurred at the village to the Guild Master.

「You, don't do such an absurd thing!」

After taking frequent breaks, we finally returned to town.

Along the way, we ran into a guild staff member who was on his way out.

「Guild Master!」

「What's wrong?」

「What about Guild Master, why are you here? What about the Black Viper you went to defeat?」

「If it's the Black Viper, this girl defeated it by herself.」

「Defeated it alone, you say…」

The guild staff member gave me a once over.

「So then, why are you over here?」

「Yes, One-Eyed Rush, who we were supposed to ask to take on the Black Viper subjugation request, was injured and just came back. As a result, I was searching for other adventurers, but there aren't any others who can defeat the Black Viper. For the time being, I left the search to Helen and was on my way to let you know that the adventurers would be behind schedule, but…」

The guild staff member looked in my direction again.

Hey, why are you looking at me?

「I understand. For now, let's go back to town, you as well.」

Our party that was now composed of three people moved towards the town.

From leaving the village to returning to town took us around two days.

There was no reason to rush, so to relieve the burden on the horses, we slowed down our pace.

We had just entered the guild like that when we were discovered by Helen.

At that moment, she burst into tears.

「Yuna-san, Guild Master…why are you here…could it be…」

「Helen, it's all right.」

「Eh?」

「The Black Viper was defeated.」

「Really? Thank goodness. I couldn't get a hold of any adventurers higher than rank C, so I was in quite a bind. As expected of the Guild Master.」

「It wasn't me who defeated it. Yuna did it by herself.」

「Haaa…」

「I felt the same way, but it's the truth.」

「Yuna-san, you're really amazing.」

「So then, Yuna, it's already late today. Sorry, but could you come by tomorrow? The report for this incident has to be written down, and there's also the matter about the Black Viper's materials.」

「What time?」

「The earlier the better, but you must also be tired, right? I'll let you decide the time.」

「Understood.」

I postponed the visit to the adventurer's guild until later.

Chapter 40
Bear-san Goes To The Orphanage

I woke up early in the morning and greeted the day without feeling fatigue, thanks to the white bear. It was a pleasant feeling.

I took some eggs out of the Bear Box, cooked them sunny-side up, sandwiched them between bread, and ate breakfast.

If I could obtain rice, soy sauce, and miso next, I could have a real Japanese breakfast for the first time in quite a while.

There was no set time for my appointment with the guild master, so I ate breakfast at a leisurely pace before leaving the house.

When I arrived at the guild, a guild staff member immediately guided me to the guild master's room.

「You're surprisingly early.」

「That's because I immediately went to sleep yesterday. Isn't the guild master also here early?」

「I stayed overnight because of the Black Viper case from the past few days.」

「The Black Viper case?」

「After that, a lot of rumors spread about you defeating the black viper. We received many applications for the raw materials.」

「Although I haven't decided whether I am selling them or not yet..」

「I understand. However, even if you say that, wouldn't it be annoying if traders and general storekeepers followed you around, trying to appeal to you?」

「Are people that interested in it?」

「Well you see, the skin can be used to make protective gear. It is light and strong, and it has magic resistance, too. There are a lot of adventurers who want it. Actually, all of the parts would fetch a high price. There are various uses for the fangs. Finally,

if the magic stone is big enough, there is a possibility of it being a B class magic stone. It's a material that anyone would want.」

「In other words, it's necessary for me to sell it?」

「It's your choice to sell it or not. However, if you don't sell…」

「Merchants or the like will follow me?」

「That's right. From the guild's perspective, I would rather you sell to the guild rather than somewhere else.」

「I'm fine with selling or whatever, but I want part of the materials and magic stone.」

「Ahh, I don't mind. If we circulate the skin and meat, things should calm down.」

「So then, where can it be dismantled? It's probably impossible to do it in the warehouse.」

The guild master also recalled the size of the large black viper and became worried.

「There's probably no choice but to do it outside.」

「Outside?」

「It won't be a disturbance if it's outside the city, I think. Sorry for the haste, but can you bring the black viper outside now?」

「Mmm, alright.」

The guild master and I left the room.

「Let me gather Helen and the staff members who can dismantle. I'll leave behind the minimum number of people, so let's do this dismantling!」

Around ten people were gathered.

Gentz and even Fina were included among those people.

「I thought there might not be enough people, so I brought her too.」

Gentz explained.

I walked towards the town gate together with the ten members of the guild's dismantling team.

We arrived at a place that was a short distance from the gate, where we wouldn't obstruct people who were entering and leaving.

「This area is probably good.」

At the guild master's remark, I took the black viper out of the Bear Box.

A collective sigh leaked out from the dismantlement members.

「It's huge!」

「Was this really defeated by Miss Bear?」

「Before that, it really fit in that item bag?!」

「Can we even finish this by the end of today?」

「You guys, it won't finish itself if you just stand around and stare. As you dismantle it, carry the parts over to the refrigerated warehouse separately. The meat has transportation priority, so it's fine to leave the skin for last. These are expensive materials, so don't let it rot.」

The dismantlement members gave an affirmative response.

「Now then, Yuna, what do you plan on doing?」

「What do I plan on doing?」

「Are you going to stay here and observe? Or will you go home?」

「It's okay for me to go home?」

If it was okay to go home, then I wanted to go home.

After all, I didn't really want to watch the snake dismantlement or anything.

「I don't mind. First, we need to transport the dismantled raw materials to the guild. You can decide on your portion there. We'll sell the rest.」

「I guess I'll head back then. When do you think you'll finish?」

「No idea. I'll send a guild staff member to your house when it's completed.」

「Please send Fina, because she is able to enter my house.」

「Got it.」

It'll be boring just going back like this, so let's go browse the food carts.

I arrived at the center plaza and searched for something delicious.

I wanted to secure lunch and head back quickly, since if I place it in the bear box it won't cool down.

As I was loitering around the plaza, I noticed a group of ragged children in a far corner.

I made way towards a shop selling Wolf kebabs nearby.

「Oo, welcome! Miss Bear, you're early today.」

I usually came here around noon.

「Hey, what's with those children?」

I ordered one skewer and asked about the children.

「Those children are from the orphanage. They come from time to time.」

「What for?」

「To wait for leftovers from the customers.」

「Leftovers….」

「They gather the food left on the customers' plates to eat. It is something thrown away by the customers, so we can't complain, but it doesn't give a good feeling.」

「Mister, give me 20 roasted kebabs please.」

「Stop it. Even if you let them eat today, what are you going to do tomorrow? If nothing can be done for them, it's better if you don't do anything.」

「However, isn't there money given from the town since it's an orphanage?」

「I wonder. Either way, I don't know that much about it. Is money not being given? Is it just too little? Well, looking at that, it's probably not a lot.」

I thought the feeling I got from meeting Cliff was one of a proper noble, but in the end he might still be a lousy noble.

Cliff's evaluation began to drop as I made the mister grill more kebabs.

「Don't say I didn't warn you.」

He handed me the twenty kebabs.

I carried them over to where the children were.

The children stared at me silently as I carried the skewers over.

「One per person, now eat.」

When I said so, the children turned and looked at each other's faces.

「I can eat it?」

A girl asked me in a small voice.

「It's hot, so eat it slowly.」

I gave her one skewer.

The girl started to eat upon receiving the kebab.

The other children, seeing that, also accepted a skewer and began to eat.

「Thank you, Big Sis.」

「Can you lead me to the orphanage?」

I asked a girl.

The girl didn't seem to understand the meaning of my words as she tilted her head to one side.

「You must be hungry. Don't you want to eat more? If so, will you guide me to the orphanage?」

The girl gave a small nod.

「This way.」

After the girl walked forward, the other children also followed along with worried expressions, after a bit of indecisiveness.

The children's trek seemed to have been a considerable distance. We arrived at the edge of the town.

There was only one ramshackle house erected in a distant lot.

To go this far, isn't it too cruel?

There were cracks in the walls and places with holes.

It was more than likely that there were holes in the ceiling too.

Cliff's evaluation dropped even further.

I shouldn't have handed over the Goblin King's Sword.

There are things that one should do before buying a connection to the king.

It would have been better to spend the money from selling the sword on the orphanage.

When I arrived at the orphanage, thanks to the children's guidance, an elderly woman came out.

「Ara, who do I have the pleasure of speaking to? My name is Bow, the director managing this orphanage.」

「I am the adventurer Yuna. I saw these children at the central plaza.」

「Central plaza…… did you all go again?」

She looked at the children.

「I'm sorry.」

「Teacher, sorry.」

The children apologized one after another.

「It's okay. It is all because I wasn't able to give everyone enough to eat. Did these children do something to you?」

「No, it is because these children looked like they were starving at the plaza.」

「I apologize. Though it is embarrassing, but there isn't much for them to eat here.」

The director answered me with difficulty.

「What about financial support or the like from the city?」

「Yes, it gradually decreased starting from a year ago, and was cut off roughly three months ago.」

「Cut off… 」

That feudal lord……

「Yes, it was pointless to give the necessary money to us.」

「How are you dealing with meals?」

「About that, I visit restaurants, inns, grocery stores, and fruit stores to receive the edible food, which was either bruised or damaged, and thus unsellable to customers, for us to eat.」

Cliff……

My rage grew hotter bit by bit.

「Even then, the quantity is still small, so these children go to the central plaza……」

「I understand. Miss Director, I have ingredients with me, so please let these children eat until they are full.」

I was guided to the kitchen in the orphanage. I pulled out a lump of wolf's meat from the bear box that was dismantled.

Since it would be an unbalanced meal with only meat, I also lined up the bread and casket of oren juice I had bought up.

「Erm, Yuna-san」

「Miss Director, please help out as well. Before that, is there anyone else besides Miss Director in this orphanage?」

「There is also a girl called Liz. Right now she went out to receive food.」

This orphanage is being cared for by only two people?

I grilled the wolf meat, prepared the bread, and poured the oren juice as I set the table.

「There's enough for everyone, so don't rush and take your time to eat.」

「Everyone, say your thanks to Yuna-san.」

At the director's signal, the children all began to eat at the same time.

Everyone ate like they were competing.

Smiles appeared on their faces.

「Yuna-san, thank you very much. It has been a long time since I have seen these children smile.」

「There is still wolf meat left, so if there are children who are still hungry, I'll grill more.」

「Thank you very much.」

I headed outside the house after watching the children eat for a while.

The few children who noticed followed me.

「Big Sis Yuna, where are you going?」

「I intend to repair the house. This hole-riddled house must be cold right?」

I confirmed the places that were riddled with holes and cracks once I got outside.

I filled the holes and cracks using earth magic.

「Amazing, Big Sis Yuna!」

「Can you tell me where there are other holes,?」

The children who live here should know about this in greater detail.

I fixed the places they told me about.

I also climbed on top of the roof, though I didn't know the locations of the leaks so I blocked off the entire roof with a thin layer of hardened dirt.

Next we entered the house and, while we were in the middle of repairing the interior walls, Miss Director arrived.

「What are you doing over here?」

「As you can see, I'm mending the walls. Isn't it cold when the drafts enter through the cracks?」

I closed up the walls with earth magic.

I found a room with lots of beds.

I wonder if everyone sleeps here together?

For the time being though, I intended to separate the boys and girls. I put the beds in a small room.

There was only a small towel left on the bed.

Was this a substitute for a bed cover?

It would be cold like this, right?

If I remembered correctly, there should have been 23 people total in this orphanage.

I took out 30 sheets of wolf furs and handed them over to Miss Director.

「Yuna-san?」

「Please hand these out to the children. It must be cold with just one towel for the bed. There's also one for Miss Director and some spares.」

I returned to each room and finished the repairs for the walls.

Everyone had finished eating by the time I returned to the dining room.

The wolf meat I had prepared in reserve had not decreased, however.

「Did you not eat any?」

「With Yuna-san's permission, that will be tomorrow's portion. The children also said rather than eating it today, they would like to eat it tomorrow.」

「Ah, sorry. I forgot to say it. I have prepared enough for several days, so it's fine if you eat that.」

I took out fresh wolf meat from the bear box.

If there is just this much, they should be okay for a few days right?

「Umm, why are you willing to go this far for us?」

「It's the adult's fault if they won't work and are unable to eat. However, if a child is unable to eat, it is not the child's fault. It is the adult's responsibility. The surrounding adults should help if there aren't any parents. That's why I'm helping the children. I am a supporter of Miss Director who is trying her best for the children's sake.」

「T-Thank you very much.」

「I'm acquainted with the feudal lord here, just a bit, so I'll go make some complaints.」

「Please don't do that.」

「Why not?」

「The land here is being lent to us thanks to the feudal lord-sama, but if we were to rouse his anger and were driven out as a result, any hope of a place for us to go would disappear.」

「The feudal lord here is that terrible?」

「This place that we live in was given to us for free, so that isn't really the case……」

「But, there's no financial support, right?」

「We are grateful to at least have a place to live.」

Cliff is the worst huh.

「 I'll be going back for the time being, okay?」

「Yes, umm, thank you very much.」

「Big Sis Bear is going back?」

The children gathered around me.

「Don’t worry, I’ll come back again.」

I patted their heads.

「Look, Yuna-san is also troubled. Everyone, please give her your thanks.」

「Big Sis Bear, thank you!」

「Thank you!」

The children thanked me in turn.

I left the children behind and returned to the bear house.

Chapter 41
Bear-san Takes Action For The Sake Of The Orphanage

I returned to the Bear House and started considering the orphanage.

Things that were necessary for living.

Food, clothing, and shelter. These three things.

For clothes, it was not yet necessary to rush to get it.

For food, it would become necessary in a few days.

For shelter, because it was repaired, it should be okay.

As expected, the biggest problem was probably the food.

Like the food stall uncle said, bringing over food every day was not an option.

I extended a helping hand, so I don't want to retract it.

When I was troubled over what to do, I heard knocking on the door and Fina calling out.

「Fina, is the dismantling finished?」

「Yes. Then, the guild master summoned Big Sis Yuna, so I came.」

I couldn't come up with a solution to the matter regarding the orphanage, so I headed to the guild with Fina.

「Oh, you're here.」

The guild master himself came out to receive me.

「So, what about the Black Viper?」

「Ah, it's been refrigerated.」

When I entered the cold storage warehouse, there was a large quantity of skin and meat inside, and the fangs had been gathered into a big pile.

「How much does the guild want?」

「The more the better; there still won't be enough though.」

「How about half?」

「If possible, a little more.」

「In that case, I'll take one-third.」

「Hmmm. In that case, it's fine.」

After receiving the guild master's approval, I secured my portion and stowed it away in the bear box.

「Next, is the magic stone. I actually wanted you to sell this, too.」

Magic stones were necessary for various things I was making, so I had not been selling them recently and kept them instead.

Although I had not yet decided on what the Black Viper's magic stone would become, I had no intention of selling it.

「Please wait a bit more for us to gather the money, the sum is an amount that takes a bit of time to gather.」

「Anytime is fine, you know.」

The sun had begun to set by the time I left the guild.

Today I went straight back to bear house.

I finished the day with dinner and a bath before laying on top of my bed.

I tried to think about a method to help the orphanage using the black viper materials, but couldn't think of one.

If I sold it, it would become money, but that was it.

I called out the status screen to check if I had gone up a level after defeating the Black Viper.

Recently, I have not hunted monsters besides low-ranked ones like wolves and goblins, so my level hasn't gone up.

This time, my level had risen, thanks to defeating the high-ranked Black Viper, and I had also learned a new skill.

Name: Yuna

Age: 15 years old

Level: 20

Skills: Different World's Spoken Language, Different World's Written Language, Bear's Dimensional Box, Bear's Eye of Observation, Bear's Sense of Danger Perception, Bear's Map, Bear's Transfer Gate

Magic: Bear Light, Bear Body Reinforcement, Bear Fire Magic, Bear Water Magic, Bear Wind Magic, Bear Earth Magic, Bear Restoration Magic

Equipment

Black Bear's Hand (non-transferrable)

White Bear's Hand (non-transferrable)

Black Bear's Foot (non-transferrable)

White Bear's Foot (non-transferrable)

Bear's Clothes (non-transferrable)

Bear's Underwear (non-transferrable)

Bear's Transfer Gate

After installing two gates, the user can go through one and exit at the reciprocal gate.

When establishing three or more gates, it is possible to change the destination by picturing the location in the mind.

The gates cannot be opened if the Bear Hands are not equipped.

Ohh, a convenient skill has come.

However, since it's an installation type skill, it's slightly inconvenient.

I wanted to try it out immediately, so I hopped out of bed and installed the Bear's Transfer Gate in my room upstairs.

On the wall, a pair of double doors with a bear-shaped outline were installed.

Next, I went to a room on the first floor and installed another Bear Transfer Gate.

I opened the doors, and my room on the second floor was there.

It's convenient.

However, I have to consider the location when installing it outside.

Moreover, because it was an installation type, it wouldn't disappear after being used, so it was even more important to carefully consider the installation location.

Whether I was on foot or moving around using Swaying Bear, there were a lot of unexpected inconveniences.

It's a shame that I can't use it during battles, since it's teleportation.

However, there was no point in talking about luxuries.

After all, this skill's power is more than convenient enough.

I'll think about it when Fina arrives, so for the time being, let's remove the Bear Transfer Gate.

Unn, the “Bear’s Transfer Gate” is long for a name.

What if I shorten the Bear Gate to “Bear Door”?

For an instant, a chill ran through my body.

Did I catch a cold, I wonder? I’ll think about the name next time, let’s hurry and go to sleep today.

For today’s breakfast, I ate a sunny-side-up egg and a vegetable sandwich.

The moment I bit down into the bread, the God of Ideas descended upon me.

That’s right! There’s also this, isn’t there?

I bit into the bread.

Eggs!

If eggs could be produced and sold…

I headed to the Commerce Guild when I finished breakfast.

When I arrived at the Commerce Guild, it felt like there were a lot more people here than there were last time.

No, there was definitely more.

People overflowed from the entrance.

Am I supposed to go into the middle of that?

I used my small stature to slip through the gaps between people and looked around to see if Mylene-san, who took care of me last time, was there.

There she is.

It seemed like she was in the middle of serving customers.

She finished helping her customer and called out to me while I was considering my less-than-attractive alternatives.

「Yuna-san!」

There are others queued up. Is this okay?

「What's the matter?」

「There's a matter I wanted to consult Mylene-san about for a bit, but…」

I glanced at the people lined up.

「In that case, I'll hear you out okay?」

「Is that okay?」

「It's not a problem, someone else will take my place. Well then, Yuna-san, let me hear about your situation over here.」

The eyes of the people who were lined up were scary.

I skipped the queue, so it can't be helped, but that's not my fault you know!

Mylene-san exchanged places with another staff member and took me to another room.

「It certainly was crowded. Did something happen?」

「Yuna-san, are you really saying that?」

She looked at me with an amazed expression.

「…….?」

「Haaa」

Why did you let out a sigh?

There's no way I would know why the commerce guild is crowded, right?

「It looks like you are saying that seriously. They all came to buy the raw materials from the Black Viper that Yuna-san defeated. It's been a huge issue since yesterday! There has been a huge demand from everyone because of the limited quantity!」

「Is that so?」

「The Black Viper's fangs are especially popular. There are even merchants who plan on going to the capital city to sell them. It is not possible to transport the meat though.」

「So it was that popular.」

「Yes. Thanks to you, Yuna-san, we are able to make a profit.」

She bowed her head lightly.

「So then, what is the consultation about? If it's Yuna-san's request, I'll hear it out, even if it is unreasonable to some extent.」

I appreciate that.

I'll try asking without reserve then.

「There is an orphanage, right?」

「There's an orphanage located towards the edge of town, I believe.」

「That's right. Is it possible to sell the land near it?」

「The land near the orphanage? I'll take a quick look, so please wait a moment.」

Mylene-san left the room and quickly came back, carrying some documents.

She works quickly, as usual.

「Let's see. It's all right. Since the orphanage is there, nobody is using that land.」

「If the orphanage is there, it cannot be used?」

「To put it in a bad way, it is because of the uneducated children. There is a concern that they would do something mischievous if a building were to be constructed nearby. In addition, the land is not popular because it is located at the edge of the town.」

「In that case, it's fine if I buy that land, right?」

「Yes, there is no problem.」

「Then, please sell me the entire region there.」

「Excuse my impoliteness, but what do you plan to do?」

「Hmm, that's a secret.」

「A secret, is it?」

「Because I don't know if it is possible to do.」

I paid the quoted price and received the title deed for the land.

The land near the orphanage became my possession.

I installed a transfer gate in the warehouse once I returned to the Bear House.

I went outside the town and summoned Swaying Bear when the installation was finished.

I should arrive before the day is over if I go now.

I headed towards the village where I defeated the Black Viper aboard Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear.

I could see the village by the time the sun had set.

The vicinity became dark.

Though, if I had noticed the Transfer Gate skill last time when I had defeated the Black Viper, I would not have had to spend as much effort.

Oh well. There was no helping it, even if I said that now.

I didn't enter the village this time, but entered the mountains a small distance away instead.

It was dark, so I lit up the Bear Light, and advanced through the mountains.

「Isn't there a good place, I wonder?」

Was it good here?

It was dark, and searching for something would be troublesome. I found a good place under a cliff, so I'll do it here.

If it was here, people probably wouldn't enter.

I dug out a cave at the foot of the cliff.

I made the entrance large enough for Swaying Bear and its counterpart to enter, and created a large empty cavity inside.

It was dark outside and even darker inside the cave, but I made two Bear Lights and continued working.

I'll work out the minor details later; for now, I covered up the entrance using Earth Magic, installed a Transfer Gate, and headed through it.

「I'm home, phew.」

I returned to the Bear House's warehouse in an instant.

It's a convenient skill after all.

Chapter 42
Bear-san Raises Chickens

The next day, I headed to the village first thing in the morning, using the gate I installed yesterday.

A villager who noticed me came over when I entered the village.

「What's the matter?」

「Is it okay for me to meet the village chief?」

「I think it'll be okay.」

He kindly guided me to the village chief's house.

「Oh, Yuna-san, what's the matter?」

「Good morning. I have a small favor to ask.」

「If it's Yuna-san's request, then I have to hear you out.」

「Is it possible to catch the Cluckers from the other day alive ?」

「They can be caught relatively easily if we set traps.」

「Then can you catch some for me? If possible, a hen please.」

「Of course, it's the request from Yuna-san who saved the village after all. So then, how many do you want?」

「The more the better, but too many might decrease the quantity of food for the village. Just enough that it won't affect the village, please.」

「I understand. Let's have people who are not busy go catch them.」

「Thank you very much.」

「So, what do you plan to do, Yuna-san?」

「I have something to do in the mountains, so I'll come back when I'm finished with that.」

「I think it will be possible to catch several birds before noon.」

「In that case, please do so. I'll be counting on you.」

I returned to the cave with the transfer gate.

I erased the transfer gate after entering the cave.

I expanded the cave some more and used earth magic to create a house.

The first floor had the shape of a small bear cub.

The rooms were assigned to be the kitchen, restroom, bathroom, and my room.

I installed a light magic stone in each room.

Finally, I installed a transfer gate next to the bear cub's front door.

With this, base number one was completed.

Approximately 20 Cluckers were tied together with rope when I returned to the village.

They're chickens, no matter how I look at it.

Though, they are larger than I thought.

「Is this many okay?」

「The chicks will be born soon and grow up quickly, so it's okay. There aren't any monsters around here, so it's an easy environment for raising the birds. Please rest easy and take them.」

「Thank you very much.」

I had the villagers tie the Cluckers to Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear so they wouldn't fall off. It would have been nice to be able to place them in the Bear Box alive, but it is impossible so it cannot be helped.

「Are you really planning to go back now?」

「Yes, the sooner the better.」

「Is that so…we had hoped to show you some hospitality.」

I forced money for the Cluckers onto the elder, who seemed like he wasn't going to accept, and headed to the cave where the transfer gate was located.

I moved to the Bear House using the transfer gate after blocking the entrance of the cave with earth magic.

I left the Cluckers tied to Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear as we went through.

They won't die, right?

The bears began to move out after it became dark outside.

They ran in the dark, through the empty streets

Eh, would it be better to use the transfer gate?

I just wanted to run through the middle of town with the bears.

After passing by the orphanage, I arrived at the land I bought through the Commerce Guild.

I dismounted Swaying Bear and checked the land.

I wonder if around here is okay.

I made a chicken coop using earth magic.

Furthermore, I surrounded the chicken coop with three-or-so meter tall walls.

They probably wouldn't run away if it was this tall, right?

I entered the chicken coop with Swaying Bear and Hugging Bear.

I roughly loosened the ropes that tied the Cluckers.

The Cluckers, released from their rope bindings, moved around inside the henhouse.

I feel relieved after checking and finding that they were all alive.

Let's end things here today and return to the Bear House.

The next morning, after finishing breakfast, I headed to the orphanage.

The children were gathered in front of the wall where the chicken coop was located when I arrived at the orphanage.

「Big Sis Bear!」

The children noticed me and came over.

「Big Sis Bear, a wall suddenly appeared when I woke up this morning!」

「That's because I made it.」

「Big Sis did?」

The orphanage children stared at me.

「Let's go to the orphanage for now. I have something to talk to Miss Director about.」

I brought the children along toward the orphanage and met with Miss Director.

Miss Director and a woman who looked slightly older than 20-years-old were there when I arrived at the orphanage.

Was this Liz, the person who supposedly worked at the orphanage with Miss Director?

「This is Yuna-san. Thank you very much for yesterday. This is the person we talked about yesterday, Liz.」

「I'm Liz. Thank you very much for the food yesterday.」

Liz bowed her head.

「Don't mind it, it was just a whim of mine.」

「What kind of business do you have today?」

「I want to give the children some work, is that okay? I'll pay them wages, of course.」

「Work for the children?」

「You don't need to worry, it's not dangerous work.」

「In that case, what kind of work is it?」

「Have you seen the wall outside?」

「Yes, I woke up this morning, and the wall had appeared. The children were raising a clamor.」

「I made the wall last night. I wanted the children to look after the birds within the walls.」

「Erm, you made the wall in one night?」

「To look after birds?」

Miss Director and Liz were surprised for different reasons.

「I made the wall with magic.」

「What kind of work is it?」

「Simply gathering the eggs in the morning, cleaning the coop, and looking after the birds. The birds are not food, so please don't eat them, okay?」

「Do you plan on starting an egg-selling business?」

「The value of eggs in this town seems to be high enough.」

「Can you really make enough money with just that?」

「Though there are other things I want to request, it's just this for now. What's the matter?」

Miss Director looked towards the children.

「What do you all want to do? Yuna-san seems like she wants to give you work. If you work, you'll be able to eat. If not, it will become like the situation a few days ago. There isn't any more of the food that Yuna-san brought.」

She asked a question to the children.

「I'll do it!」

「Please let me do it!」

「I'll also do it!」

「Me too!」

「Me as well!」

The children responded in a rambunctious manner.

「Is everyone okay with it? In that case, Yuna-san, you look after these children?」

「Yes, and is it okay if I borrow Liz as well?」

「Me?」

「Yes. I want to ask you to look after these children.」

「If that's all, I don't mind. Liz, please be mindful to reliably follow Yuna-san's directions.」

「Yes, Director.」

I opened the door, passed the walls, and then entered the henhouse.

The Cluckers were asleep when we entered the henhouse.

「The work for you guys is;

#1, let the birds go outside if it is sunny in the mornings.

#2, gather the eggs laid in the chicken coop.

#3, clean the chicken coop.

#4, give the birds food and water.

#5, return the birds back to the chicken coop.

Can you do this?」

I asked the children.

The children answered without any hesitation.

「In that case, please let the birds out. The eggs laid by the birds will be sold for money to allow you guys to buy food, so be gentle with them.」

The children gave affirmative responses.

「Put the eggs in this container.」

I made an egg case from earth magic.

The case had ten egg-shaped holes in it.

I made about a hundred, including spares.

The children brought the eggs back.

Ten holes were filled up.

Exactly one pack.

Was that a good enough performance for twenty of them?

There might be environmental changes to consider, too.

「Liz-san, are there any vegetable scraps that you were able to get yesterday?」

「Yes, there is.」

「Is it alright if we use it to feed the birds?」

「About that…」

Even though they were vegetable scraps, it was still food that Liz acquired after bowing her head.

There was probably a sense of perplexity at feeding that to the birds.

「It's all right, the birds will lay eggs. Everything will be okay if we can sell those.」

「I understand. I'll bring the scraps.」

「I need to go back first. Once the cleaning is over, please tell the children to return the birds back to the chicken coop after a short time.」

I headed to a certain place while carrying the eggs.

Chapter 43
Bear-san Becomes Commerce Rank F

That certain location was the Commerce Guild.

The Commerce Guild was crowded with people, just like yesterday.

I don't want to think that all of this is my fault.

As I stood in the middle of the crowd, looking at the entrance, I noticed that Tirumina-san was there.

My eyes met Tirumina-san's.

「Yuna-chan.」

「Hello, Tirumina-san. What's wrong, for you to be standing in this place?」

「I came to the Commerce Guild to see if there was work here.」

「Work?」

「Yes. In reality, I intended to return to being an adventurer, but I was stopped by my family. I thought that, in that case, since I am able to read, write, and calculate, isn't there work in that direction? So I came to the Commerce Guild to look.」

Reading and writing…

Calculating…

「Tirumina-san, would you like to work at my place?」

「At Yuna-chan's place?」

「I started a new business a bit ago, but if I had Tirumina-san's help, it would be greatly appreciated.」

I wanted a manager for the egg business, and an intermediary for the Commerce Guild.

「By the way, what kind of work?」

「Oh, right, though explaining it here is a bit…」

There were a lot of merchants around us.

I didn't want to release the information about the eggs yet, so we moved to a different location.

Though it was troublesome, we returned to the Bear House.

「So then, what's the business?」

「I intend to sell Clucker eggs.」

I took an egg out from the Bear Box.

「A Clucker's egg?」

「For now, I'm raising Cluckers at the edge of town. That's why, I want to ask Tirumina-san to work as a manager.」

After that, I explained the situation simply to Tirumina-san.

About raising the Cluckers at the orphanage, making them lay eggs, and selling them at the Commerce Guild.

「As for the management, is it about managing the Cluckers? I've never brought up a bird, or anything else, before.」

「I'm going to have the children from the orphanage handle the management of the Cluckers. Tirumina-san, please handle the sales to the Commerce Guild.」

「Sales?」

「After this, I intend to go to the Commerce Guild and set up the sales contract for the eggs. I want Tirumina-san to do the management and accounting for that, like confirming the number of eggs, the price, and checking the accounting books for accuracy. The children from the orphanage can't do that, after all.」

「I understand the situation. However, isn't this a considerably serious matter? Are you okay with me?」

「I don't have very many acquaintances in this town, so if it's Tirumina-san, I know fairly well what kind of person you are.」

「I understand. I'll take this job then. It seems like my daughter and I will become even more indebted to Yuna-chan after this.」

I had acquired a manager for the eggs and money.

With this, I was reducing my workload at a steady pace.

I headed to the Commerce Guild for the second time, along with Tirumina-san.

The Commerce Guild was still overflowing with people, even now.

I spiritedly ventured into the crowd and looked for a receptionist.

I searched for Mylene-san, who was in charge of me. (Self-decided)

She wasn't at the reception desk.

I wonder if she is taking the day off?

「Ara, Yuna-san, what are you here for today? Also, who is that person?」

A voice called out from behind me.

When I turned around, Mylene-san was there.

「Why, from behind me?」

「I was on a break, so I had gone outside for a bit.」

「I have something to consult with you, but…」

Mylene-san's eyes lit up.

It's kind of scary though.

「Yes, I understand. I'll show you to a separate room.」

I was caught by Mylene-san and taken away.

Tirumina-san followed behind us.

「So then, what did you want to talk about?」

「I want to sell this, but…」

I took an egg out from the Bear Box.

「Is this an egg from a Clucker?」

「It's good that you can tell from just a glance.」

「That's because I have worked as a receptionist for many years. So, you want to sell this? Of course, it's likely that customers who want this will come here.」

「Can you sell this regularly?」

「Regularly? Roughly how frequently?」

「For now, around ten to twenty a day, but in the future, I hope to reach around a thousand a day.」

「…Yuna-san, are you actually saying that?」

「That's what I'm saying.」

「The Clucker's habitat is far away from this town, and it also takes time to catch them. Moreover, the eggs are only edible for a few days after being laid, and it is impossible to keep them for a long period of time.」

「It's all right, because I plan to raise Cluckers.」

「To raise them…it can't be, the land around the orphanage?」

「Correct. I plan to use the children from the orphanage to raise them.」

「You don't say! Such a thing-」

「Well, it's fine even if you don't believe me, as long as you properly buy the eggs. So, what's the possibility of selling eggs everyday?」

「That's right. It depends on the price, but it's possible.」

「I'll leave the pricing to you, so please take care of it.」

It's best to leave specialized things to an expert.

「But, is that okay?」

「About what?」

「If the number of eggs increases, it is inevitable for the price to drop. That's why it may not be necessary to forcibly increase the supply.」

「There are many reasons though; I want normal people to be able to eat eggs. After that, the fact that the eggs are being produced at the orphanage will eventually be revealed. When that happens, a large number of cheap eggs is less likely to be stolen than a small number of expensive eggs, and the children in the orphanage will be safer as well.」

In addition, in "this" world, there weren't many egg dishes because the value of eggs was too high.

If it became inexpensive, the number of dishes would probably increase, I think.

「Please pardon me. For you to have thought about this to that degree. Though I try not to, in this line of work, thoughts about how to make a profit tend to come first.」

The three of us , including Tirumina-san, discussed together and drew up a contract after that.

Someone will go to the chicken coop at the orphanage everyday to pick up the eggs.

The selling price will be left to the guild.

The feed of vegetable scraps will be arranged by the guild.

The money will be delivered once every ten days.

Tirumina-san will oversee and carry out the delivery of the eggs.

The acquisition method of the eggs and the people involved will be kept a secret.

Oh, and one more thing was put in at the end of the contract.

「Is all that for the contract?」

「Yes.」

「With that, Yuna-san, I need to do the registration for the Commerce Guild, so I'll have to ask for your guild card.」

「Registration?」

「Yes, you have to register, otherwise it isn't possible for you to conduct business.」

Can you please stop with the “even a child knows that much” face?

「Is it okay if I am the only one to register?」

「No, Tirumina-san too, please. At the time when you deliver the eggs, it will be necessary to check your guild card.」

「So, is it okay to use the card from the Adventurer’s Guild for the guild card?」

「Yes. The guild card is the same everywhere, it is just that different contents will be added to the card.」

She placed the guild card on the quartz plate at the corner of the room and operated the plate.

The registration ended within a few minutes, and the guild cards were returned to us.

「Now then, I’ll explain about the Commerce Guild and the card.」

I checked my card.

Name: Yuna

Age: 15 years old

Occupation: Bear

Adventurer Rank: D

Commerce Rank: F

As usual, my profession remains as a Bear.

「Commerce rank?」

「The commerce rank is similar to the adventurer rank, and indicates the level of a merchant. When the rank is high, your credibility will rise as well. That is why, when you engage in business in a new town, there will be a lot of advantages if your rank is high.」

「Advantages?」

「Such as being given land with good locations to rent, introductions to important people, or borrowing items. After all, a great merchant is likely to bring good benefits to the town.」

I see.

The higher the rank, the higher the trust. It was the same with adventurers then.

「How do I raise my rank?」

「It depends on the degree you contribute to the Commerce Guild. Or, in short, it becomes a measure of how much tax you have paid.」

Somehow, it was easy to understand.

「Other than that, it is the same in any town. You are obliged to report any ongoing transactions to the Commerce Guild. People who conduct business without permission will be punished, so please take care.」

「What about when I sell monster materials?」

「There are no problems for the portion you sell to the guild. However, please notify us if you open a shop or a street stall.」

「Understood.」

I don't have any plans to start a store at the moment.

「Also, similar to the Adventurer's Guild, money can be entrusted to us. Just know, the money looked after by the Adventurer's Guild and the Commerce guild will be linked. It is possible to withdraw the entrusted money at either the Adventurer's Guild or the Commerce Guild.」

I had received an explanation in the Adventurer's Guild, but I wasn't using it.

There was the Bear Box as well, but the money I brought from Japan was a huge amount.

Even if ten billion yen became ten billion and one million yen, it didn't make much of a difference.

「So then, Yuna-san, what will you do with the proceeds from the egg sales? Will you receive it in cash, or will you establish a recurring transfer to Tirumina-san's card?」

「To Tirumina-san's card, please.」

「Please wait a moment.」

Tirumina-san called out for us to wait.

「What is it?」

「Do you mean all of it?」

「That's right. There is the matter of Tirumina-san and the children's wages, as well as any necessary expenses. It will be troublesome for me to prepare it every time, you see.」

「I see, you say…? Although I'm happy that you trust me this much, I cannot agree to the possibility of having to manage a large amount of money.」

「In that case, what about deciding on a set amount of money beforehand? Just transfer the necessary amount over to Tirumina-san's card. The rest can be entered into Yuna-san's account?」

「Is it possible to do it that way?」

「Yes. In situations where the merchant and the payroll manager is different, it is often done this way.」

I decided on the necessary amount of money for Tirumina-san and the children's wages, and placed the remainder onto my card.

Having planned to this degree, we left the rest of the decisions to the Commerce Guild and left.

It would be fine if I came back again when something else was necessary.

I handed over the eggs I brought today as a free sample.

It was for the sake of having regular customers.

To ensure regular customers, you must be able to take a loss.

After we left the Commerce Guild, Tirumina-san and I headed towards the orphanage to introduce her, as well as to hold the rest of the discussions.

Basically, I asked the Director to continue overseeing the management of the orphanage.

I handed over the remuneration for the children's work and asked her to take care of the food, clothing, and shelter.

I asked Liz to help take care of the children.

Of course, I also paid Liz a wage.

Tirumina-san would manage the money for the eggs and be the one to deal with the Commerce Guild.

What about me?

I didn’t do anything.

I made the henhouse and the surrounding wall, as well as procuring the birds and establishing the contract with the Commerce Guild.

There was no role left for me.

If I had to name one, maybe it was that I should get more birds at regular intervals to increase the number of birds?

Chapter 44
Cliff's Perspective (Feudal Lord)

The quantity of eggs seemed to be gradually increasing.

When I went to the village, I caught more birds.

Since it was inconvenient to do it close to the village, I went to a place a short distance away from the village to catch them.

Thanks to that, the number of Cluckers had increased to almost 300, and moreover, chicks were raised from the eggs.

On one such day, the feudal lord, Cliff, came knocking on the door to my house.

「Welcome, Cliff-sama. Is there something you need?」

For the time being, since he was a feudal lord, I greeted him politely.

「Yuna, there is something I want to ask you.」

「What is it?」

「Why won't you sell Clucker's eggs to my house?」

Cliff's Perspective

I finished my morning's work and took a short break.

Although it was just looking over and signing some documents, there were a lot of them, so it was a pain.

While I was resting, the butler, Rondo, entered the office.

「Excuse me for intruding during your break.」

「What is it, urgent business?」

「No, it's not serious, but I think it's advisable for you to hear it.」

If Rondo said so, it probably wasn't anything serious after all, but it was still something to be concerned about.

「Recently, Clucker's eggs have begun to enter the town in large quantities, but it is a bit strange.」

「What is strange about it?」

「Yes, at first, I could not figure out where it was circulating from. After that, if I gave out the name of the house Foschurose, they would not sell it to me.」

「Haa? What is that supposed to mean?」

「Every time I asked the person in charge of stocking the ingredients, I only got vague answers, and even after spending some time to ask politely, I didn't get a response. Then, if I went to the other shops normally, I could procure it, but if I phrased it as a request from the Foschurose family, they would "run out of eggs", it would be impossible without a reservation, or I would simply be declined.」

「What is this about?」

「Other than that, nobody wants to sell eggs to the Foschurose family, I don't know why. Even if I inquire at the Commerce Guild, they don't seem to know anything about this. No matter what I do, I cannot get a response.」

It wasn't like it was a problem if eggs specifically could not be eaten, but it didn't give a good feeling.

「There wasn't any pressing work in the afternoon, right? Do you want to go take a look at the Commerce Guild?」

I finished my break quickly and headed to the Commerce Guild.

Although I didn't make any appointments, I was able to meet with the guild master immediately.

「Well, if it isn't Cliff-sama. What kind of business do you have today?」

The Commerce Guild's guild master, Mylene-san, turned a suspicious smile towards me.

「Today, I'm not here to talk about work. There is something I came to inquire about personally.」

「Is it something personal?」

「It is about the matter of the Clucker's eggs.」

「About the Clucker's eggs, is it?」

Mylene repeated the question back to me without changing her expression at all.

「That's right. Why does it seem like nobody wants to sell eggs to me?」

「There's no such thing going on.」

「Don't lie. There is evidence.」

「The Clucker eggs are popular, so they were sold out and I wasn't able to buy any, due to an overflow of advance reservations.」

「A merchant selling eggs said the same thing, you know.」

「Then, that is the case.」

「Do you think I'm just going to go along with that?」

「Something like eggs, isn't it fine even if you don't eat it?」

「I'm offended that someone I don't know is doing such a thing out there. I also want to be able to serve eggs to my daughter.」

「In that case, do you want to bring your daughter's portion home with you?」

「There isn't any for me?」

「There isn't.」

Mylene gave me a sweet smile.

What an annoying woman.

One of the few people capable of opposing me.

「Do you intend to not tell me, no matter what?」

「Due to a promise, I am unable to sell eggs to Cliff-sama.」

「Is it necessary to keep that promise, to the point of breaking down the relationship between us?」

「That's right. If the problem this time wasn't due to you being bad, I might have been your ally. However, this time I am that child's supporter, because I like that child's idea.」

「I'm the bad one?」

「That's right, a lot of children have suffered this time because of you. That child is the one who saved them. It might have been the right choice for a feudal lord, but it was a mistake from a human point of view.」

「Suffering children?」

「As a merchant, I also understand your way of thinking, but I plan to side with that child this time.」

「For you to get that involved is rather unusual.」

「That's because she's an interesting girl, that one. I've seen many different kinds of people until now, but it's the first time I've been unable to see through a child with that kind of power, action, and way of thinking.」

「For you to say so much about that person, it seems like it'll become another thing not involved with the eggs that I have to look into.」

「Though, I don't have any intentions for you to meet them.」

「Will you at least tell me what I did?」

「I can't. If I talk about it, you will understand the connection with that child.」

「In that case, can you return the loan from last time to me?」

「Loan?」

「You weren't able to prepare a tribute for the king, right?」

「Are you saying that now?」

「Isn't that the Commerce Guild's responsibility?」

「Speaking of that, has the tribute for the king already been decided?」

「Yeah, I plan to hand over a Goblin King's Sword that I received from an adventurer.」

「A Goblin King's Sword?」

「Ah, it entered my possession when a girl with the appearance of a bear defeated the Goblin King.」

「Yuna-chan?」

「Do you know her?」

「The newbie who defeated a hundred goblins, indiscriminately hunted wolves, subjugated the tiger wolves, and recently defeated a black viper. A cute girl who looks like a bear.」

「You're frightfully knowledgeable about this.」

「It's because she is a promising rookie. Even though I'm part of the Commerce Guild, she caught my eye, but to think that she obtained a Goblin King's sword when the group of goblins were subjugated.」

「In this way, I obtained a gift for the king. If you cannot procure a tribute for the king, can you return the loan to me?」

「How underhanded. But, to think that Cliff was also acquainted with Yuna-san.」

「More or less. My daughter was also interested in her. It was my first time seeing such an interesting adventurer.」

「But, to have been disliked by that adventurer, Yuna-chan, hmm.」

「…What did you say?」

「The one providing the eggs to the guild is Yuna-chan, you know. The one who set a condition for the guild to not sell eggs to the Fochurose family was also her.」

「So it was Yuna.」

I'm being disliked by that Bear Girl.

The moment I thought about it, a bad feeling ran through my body.

When I met her for the first time, I thought that she was an interesting girl.

I was even allowed to ride on one of her summoned bears.

She was also the one who gifted me the Goblin king's sword.

I also went to see her rumored Bear House.

I heard the rumors about her defeating the Black Viper.

She even saved a village.

This time, I had thought about meeting her and giving her a reward.

I also had a good impression of her character.

To be hated by that kind of Yuna…

「Can I hear the reason?」

「Please go ask the person in question yourself, as I personally cannot say who is the bad one here.」

If I asked any more than this, I probably wouldn't get any answers.

This woman was that kind of person.

「I understand. I'll go meet Yuna.」

I left the Commerce Guild and headed to the Bear House to meet Yuna.

Before my eyes was the house that looked like a bunch of bears.

It was a building that was becoming famous in this town.

I stood in front of the Bear House and called out to Yuna.

「Welcome, Cliff-sama. Is there something you need?」

「Yuna, there is something I want to ask you.」

「What is it?」

「Why won't you sell the Clucker eggs to my house?」

I got straight to the point.

「What are you talking about?」

「I forced it out of Mylene, so don't get angry at her.」

「I'm not particularly upset. If it's going to be an issue for the guild, it's fine for them to talk about me.」

「So, why did you set up instructions to not sell eggs to me?」

「Because the eggs are being produced at the orphanage.」

「…?」

「That's why I decided to not sell eggs, since I was a bit resentful.」

「Why did it become that, just because the eggs are produced at the orphanage, they cannot be sold to me?」

「Are you really saying that? You slowly reduced the amount of money allotted to the orphanage, before finally cutting it off. Certainly, the orphanage doesn't contribute to the town, but even so, I don't think it's good to corner children with futures into a life-

and-death situation. I like children, and it's not like you aren't a parent yourself. I don't like that you cut them off, just because you say that they aren't necessary.」

I have no idea what Yuna is talking about.

While I was taking my time to think it over, Yuna continued her lecture.

「The children were hungry to the point that they were scavenging for people's leftovers. The caretakers of the orphanage spent every day lowering their heads and begging for food scraps from the inns and shops. The children's clothes were the same, day after day. The house they slept in was drafty, and there were no warm covers on the beds. Why must the children, who are doing their best to look after the troublesome birds that lay the eggs, be forced to give you eggs to eat?」

「…」

「It's not like you can't live on if you don't eat eggs, right? As the feudal lord.」

I didn't understand what Yuna had been talking about at all.

Was the aid money to the orphanage cut off?

Were the children scavenging for food?

A lifestyle that relied on food scraps?

A house perforated with holes?

No clothes?

No bed covers or sheets?

「When I heard that, I wanted to have some revenge. In the first place, Miss Director was already grateful to you just for providing a place for them to live.」

In other words, when Yuna saw the appearance of the children at the orphanage, who were troubled over food after I had cut off the money to the orphanage, she got angry.

Yuna gathered the children and gave them the work with the Cluckers, and was currently selling the eggs to the Commerce Guild, huh?

As revenge, though small, she had refused to sell any eggs to me.

Mylene was saying that, while it might have been right as the feudal lord, it was wrong as a human.

In other words, did she want to say that it might have been correct for the feudal lord to not uselessly spend money on things that weren't profitable like the orphanage, but to abandon the troubled children was a mistake as a human?

Before that, the troubling thing was that the idea that I cut off funding for the orphanage seemed to have already spread.

I did not discontinue the money for the orphanage.

Why did it become this way?

「Yuna, you might not believe me, but I didn't cut off the funding for the orphanage. I'm going to go and confirm things now. I will come back as soon as I figure it out.」

I returned to the lord's manor in a hurry.

I didn't walk, but ran back.

Why was the orphanage not being given money?

I returned to my office and called out for the butler, Rondo.

「Have you returned, Cliff-sama?」

「Rondo! Please investigate what has happened to the money that was meant for the orphanage, immediately!」

「The aid money for the orphanage, is it?」

「That's right! Search for the person who made me look like a cold-hearted feudal lord!」

「I understand.」

Rondo bowed and left the office.

The afternoon work irritated me and I wasn't able to work.

That night, Rondo came to my room.

「Is now a good time, Cliff-sama?」

「Did you find something, anything?!」

「Yes. The person who was managing the money for the orphanage was Enzo Roland-sama.」

「Enzo, you say?」

Is that so? That fellow was in charge?

To not have known of such a thing despite being the feudal lord makes me want to hit myself.

「Enzo-sama seems to have been embezzling the money that was for the orphanage.」

「Embezzlement!」

My job was to supervise the jobs assigned to various people.

If an application for funds for the orphanage came in, I signed off and offered a subsidy.

Since it came every month, I had been signing it without thinking about it at all.

In that case, it could not be helped if Yuna got angry at me.

「Though I have not examined the specifics in detail, Enzo-sama seems to have only been moving around money to appear as if he was taking care of the work he is responsible for. In reality, it seems that he was embezzling the money. Furthermore, he seems to have some debts.」

「Why does he owe money if he's embezzling?」

「It looks like he spends large amounts of money to play around with women excessively, while his wife avidly buys and collects precious jewels and her favorite items at every chance. The son is just as bad as the father.」

「You're kidding me!」

That's the town's money!

「Making a fool of me! Rondo! Immediately! Right now! Take some soldiers and head to Enzo's house! Absolutely do not let them get away! Don't kill them though, I want you to bring that entire family in front of me!」

「Yes, I understand.」

Rondo left the room.

An hour after that, Enzo, who had gotten fatter and flabbier, and his entire family stood in front of me.

The entire family bulged substantially in an ugly way, making me feel like throwing up.

「I say, Cliff-sama, to even send forth soldiers to collect me, what kind of business do you have this late at night?」

「Right now, I feel like killing your entire family, so you better answer me honestly.」

「…」

「Did you embezzle the money for the orphanage?!」

「No, I didn't do such a thing.」

「Then why is the orphanage saying that they aren't receiving any money!」

「That is what the people from the orphanage are saying, right? They probably think if they say they are not getting the money, that more will be given to them. Filthy human trash.」

You are the ones who are human trash!

「Most of the work I left to you seems to have been barely touched. It doesn't seem like you're doing any work.」

「I'll be doing it in the near future; it's just a bit late.」

「You also seem to be deep in debt, too.」

「It's just a small matter, I'll be paying it off very soon. It's not something that Cliff-sama needs to be worried about.」

It doesn't look like he has any intention of telling the truth.

「In that case, there isn't any problem if I investigate your house, correct?」

「About that…」

「Although, I've already examined your house.」

「Do you think you can get away with doing such a thing?! I'm going to tell my older brother in the royal capital!」

「This is my town. And since I've assembled the evidence, I'm going to execute you. Put these three in the dungeons!」

「Wait! Let me contact my older brother in the capital!」

「Silence this thing's mouth. I feel sick.」

The soldiers bound the three people's mouths with cloth and took them to the dungeons.

A short while later, Rondo, who had been examining the Roland house, returned.

「Did you find anything?」

「Yes. All the evidence of the embezzlement was there too.」

Rondo's facial complexion was bad.

「What's wrong?」

「Enzo-sama's conduct was excessively atrocious, so…」

「That bad?」

「Embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, violence, murder, illegal business transactions; there were too many to count.」

「Even murder?!」

「Yes, there were a lot of corpses in the dungeon. That was also terrible, but there were signs of people doing unspeakable things to them.」

The story I heard from Rondo was too terrible.

Young women came from the countryside to be hired as servants.

It seemed that they were violated until they died, and their corpses were disposed of underground.

Since they came from the countryside, nobody would notice if they went missing.

If a lover or a family member came looking for the girls from the countryside, they would be invited to the mansion, imprisoned, and killed.

Apparently, such actions were repeated over and over again.

Enzo's wife would buy up all the jewelry she could. If there was no money, she would borrow it.

Enzo was embezzling and misusing funds for the sake of paying off those loans.

The son had been raping women by force in town, and had been using the power of money to cover it up.

It was common for him to eat and drink without paying. If the shop defied him, he would rampage in the store and force them to shut down.

Why wasn't I informed that this was happening?

An obvious reason is that Enzo was probably silencing it.

Even though he was only part of a branch family, perhaps it was due to the influence of his older brother in the royal capital?

However, this town is my town.

I won't let him do as he likes.

「Execute him.」

It wasn't possible for me to put up with this any longer.

「Is that alright? There's Enzo's older brother in the royal capital…」

「I don't care. Let it be said that a robber invaded his house, and he was murdered.」

I executed the Roland family.

We secured the evidence of illegal actions.

Confiscated the assets.

Rescued the remaining survivors in the dungeon.

For those who still had places to return to, we made preparations for them to return after their treatment.

After I finished everything, I headed towards Yuna's place once again.

「I am deeply sorry.」

I lowered my head, and explained the situation surrounding the money that was cut off from the orphanage.

Normally, I wouldn't speak of such matters to a commoner.

However, I had a feeling that I had to tell this girl.

「My subordinate has been embezzling the money without my notice. I will start re-sending the aid funds for the orphanage immediately.」

「It's not needed.」

「・・・・・・・・・」

「Everyone is already doing their best to work hard, so the aid funds aren't necessary.」

「But, in that case-」

「If the money is still there, why not use it in an effective way?」

「An effective way?」

「Like making a surveillance department to ensure that such an idiot won't appear again.」

「Surveillance?」

「A job to confirm whether or not money is being used according to your directions. The orphanage, for example. You would have someone head to the orphanage to check the situation once a month. Are the necessary expenditures being used properly? For things that are being purchased, are they being charged reasonably? If there is such a person investigating, then things like embezzlement and misuse of funds would not be as easy to do, right? Of course, if the investigator is a criminal to begin with, then there's no meaning.」

「In that case, what should I do?」

「Isn't that kind of thing already decided? If not a person that you trust, then ask someone who would be willing to stake their own life to earn your trust. Don't you have at least one person like that?」

「…Yes, I do.」

Rondo fits.

「Is that so? That's good.」

Yuna only said that and nothing else.

「You really are sure the orphanage will be fine?」

「It's fine.」

「You saved me this time. The children weren't left to die. I'll repay this favor in the future for sure.」

I left Yuna's house, and went back to the lord's mansion.

There was a mountain of work to do.

I'll have Rondo act as my right hand in between his butler work in the meantime.

At last, the story of the orphanage that I wrote on a whim has finished.

I started writing about it on a fancy, so I was troubled as I couldn't think of a reason for the orphanage to not have money.

Cliff is a good feudal lord, so he would offer money to the orphanage.

Then, what would happen to the aid money?

I didn't set up a "Cliff is evil" setting at the start, so,

the candidates were Miss Director or a subordinate of the feudal lord, and I chose the latter.

I also ended up writing the conclusion without considering the ending. This was a bad case of that.

While I was planning about writing that situation as I was writing it, I felt considerably exhausted, but I thank you for your understanding in the future from now on as well.

Chapter 45
Bear-san Makes Pudding

I wonder if I can do it♪　I wonder if I can do it♪

I was able to obtain a lot of eggs, so I decided to make some pudding.

They should turn out to be cool and delicious if I succeeded.

A cool breeze brushed past my face when I opened the refrigerator door.

Delicious-looking pudding was lined up inside.

I picked one up and took it to the table.

With a spoon in hand, I tried sampling it.

「It's delicious~」

The pudding was a success.

My spoon didn't stop moving.

I ate two puddings, which I hadn't had for a long time, before I was satisfied. Then, a visitor came to the house.

「Big Sis Yuna, we're here!」

Fina and Shuri arrived together.

「Sit in a chair and wait for a moment.」

「So, what did you mean by "a delicious thing"?」

I had the two of them come be taste-testers.

「A snack made from eggs.」

I took out the chilled pudding and placed it in front of them.

They each grabbed a spoon and took a bite of the pudding.

「Delicious…」

Fina murmured her impression, while next to her, Shuri was shovelling pudding into her mouth nonstop.

「Shuri, eat more slowly.」

「But it's so delicious!」

Bright smiles rose on both their faces.

「It's good that both of you are satisfied.」

「It's super delicious! How can something so delicious be made from eggs?!」

「This is still just a prototype. If you have any thoughts as you are eating it, please tell me. Things such as whether it is too sweet or not.」

「There's nothing strange about it anywhere. It's sweet and delicious.」

「Un. It's delicious.」

Shuri was licking her spoon wistfully.

It couldn't be helped, so I took out two more servings of pudding from the refrigerator and placed them in front of the two.

「These are the last ones, okay?」

Their spoons started moving.

As a last resort, I went to the refrigerator and put the remaining pudding inside the Bear Box.

I parted from the two after they finished eating. I headed to the orphanage, to the next person I had asked to taste-test.

The children were hard at work taking care of the birds when I arrived at the orphanage.

I call out a greeting to the children before heading into the orphanage.

「Well, if it isn't Yuna-san. Welcome.」

Miss Director was preparing lunch with several other girls.

「Did I come at a bad time?」

「No, it's all right. It's not an important matter. Are you going to be eating lunch with us?」

It was a rare invitation, so I decide to accept.

The children sat in chairs in the large room and politely waited for everyone to gather for the meal.

When all of them had arrived,

「Thank you, Big Sis Bear! Thank you for the food!」

As soon as they finished speaking, the children started eating their meals.

「Are you still doing that?」

「Yes. It is thanks to Yuna-san that we can have meals like this. We must not forget this feeling of gratitude.」

The greeting for this meal,

『Thank you, Big Sis Yuna, thank you for the food!』

was supposed to be like that, but, as expected, it was too embarrassing when they said my name, so I asked them to stop.

However, the children didn't plan to stop.

「I want to show my gratitude to Big Sis Yuna.」

「The fact that I am able to eat 'till my stomach is full is thanks to Big Sis Yuna.」

「I can eat delicious food thanks to Big Sis Yuna.」

「I can wear beautiful clothes thanks to Big Sis Yuna.」

「I can live in a warm house thanks to Big Sis Yuna.」

「I can sleep in a warm bed thanks to Big Sis Yuna.」

「……thanks to Big Sis Yuna.」

The children all spoke words of gratitude from their mouths.

However, it was embarrassing hearing my name come out whenever they ate a meal, so we compromised on Big Sis Bear.

Even that was still plenty embarrassing though.

The children were eating happily, even though lunch at the orphanage was just bread and vegetable soup. Seeing them like that made me glad, what a mysterious feeling.

I didn't think I would take care of them to this extent.

I probably wouldn't have done it when I was in Japan.

Even though I had money, I never did anything like donating.

As I was watching the children, lunch ended.

When I saw that they had finished eating, I took out pudding from the Bear Box.

「What's this?」

A girl asked me.

「A dessert made from the eggs laid by the birds that everyone went through a lot of trouble to look after. It's delicious, you know.」

I placed the pudding in front of the children.

Of course, there was also a portion for Miss Director.

「What. Is. this? So delicious!」

「It's super delicious!」

「There's only one for each person, so please savor it. Okay?」

It looked like it had received a favorable reception from the children.

「Yuna-san, this is really delicious.」

Liz praised the pudding.

「This is also due to the contributions from Liz and the children, who do their best to look after the birds. This pudding was made from eggs.」

「Is that so?」

「Then just selling eggs, what a waste!」

「Eggs are great, right? They can become money and such a delicious thing, yeah?」

「Though, it would be good if the number of birds and eggs would increase a bit more.」

「Yes! I'll do my best!」

「If they multiply too much and it becomes a problem, tell me, okay? I'll think of various things to do.」

「Okay. It's still alright, since the children are working hard.」

While I was talking with Liz, the children's pudding cups were emptied.

After I asked the children for their impressions of the pudding, I left the orphanage.

Chapter 46
Bear-san Delivers Pudding

I arrived in front of the Foucherose family manor after I left the orphanage.

Cliff was whatever. I was here for the sake of treating his daughter Noire to pudding.

I told the gate soldier that I would like to meet Noire.

The gate soldier knew about me and told me to wait a moment.

A short time later, Noire came running over from the front door.

「Yuna-san!」

Pomf~

Noire dove into my waist.

However, it didn't hurt, thanks to the Bear Dress absorbing the impact.

「It's been a while, Noire.」

「It's fine if you call me Noa, you know. So then, what did you need me for? Even if you don't have any business, I welcome you from the bottom of my heart.」

「I made a dessert, so I wanted Noa to try it.」

「A dessert?! I look forward to it!」

She tugged on my hand and took me to her room.

「So then, what kind of food is it?」

「It's a dessert made from a clucker's eggs.」

I produced a pudding from the Bear Box.

Of course, I didn't forget the spoon.

Noa took the spoon, and took a bite of pudding.

「It's delicious~」

「I'm glad you like it.」

「It's the first time I've eaten something this delicious.」

「It's not that big a deal.」

「That's not the case. This kind of melting, cold, smooth, and gentle-tasting flavor is a first for me!」

「Well, it's a flavor that women and children like, after all.」

「Oh, I've already finished eating it.」

The cup was already empty.

She stared at me wistfully.

「Just one more, okay?」

「Thank you very much!」

When I handed over a new pudding, there was a knock on the door.

「Noa, I'm coming in. I heard that Yuna came over, but…」

Noire's father, the feudal lord Cliff, came into the room.

「Sorry to be imposing on you.」

「It's not a problem. So, what are the two of you up to?」

「Yuna-san made this… pu..ri..n dessert that I'm about to eat.」

「Purin?」

Noire ate a mouthful of the new pudding she received.

A child-like smile appeared on her face.

Just that alone made it worth coming here.

「Is it that delicious?」

Cliff asked me, after seeing his daughter's face.

「Yes, it's super delicious!」

「Noa, sorry, but aren't you going to give me a bite too?」

「NO WAY!」

Noa blatantly refuses.

「Noa.」

「No way. This is something that I got from Yuna-san.」

「Yuna.」

Cliff looked at me wistfully.

Don't make such a face as an adult!

「Haa, I understand already. Please tell me your impressions after you eat it, okay? It's still just a prototype, so I haven't adjusted the taste yet.」

「This is a prototype? It's more delicious than any other dessert you know!」

「Even though I say it's a prototype, I'm only planning on adjusting the sweetness later.」

I handed a pudding over to Cliff.

Cliff, who received the pudding, took a bite.

「What. Is. This?!」

Cliff's face changed.

「I have never eaten such a delicious thing, even in the royal capital!」

I wonder if the level of desserts in this world is low?

There might be no helping it if eggs are hard to obtain.

Cliff's and Noa's spoons kept moving without pause.

「Yuna-san, thank you for the treat. It was very delicious.」

「I see. That's good. Was there any particular place that you felt could be improved?」

「No, I don't think there's any particular problems with it.」

「Like, would you prefer it to be a little sweeter or a little less sweet, you know?」

「I think it would be better if it were a little less sweet. The first bite at the beginning was delicious, but the sweetness gradually became overpowering.」

「Is that so? I thought it was very good.」

「Well, everyone will have different taste preferences, so I'm consulting everyone.」

「Are you going to open a store?」

「I don't have that intention at the moment. It's not just for the children looking after the birds, but if there are kids who want to cook certain cuisines or make certain foods and desserts, I was thinking of helping to create a path for their future.」

「You were thinking that far ahead?」

「If there is a store, then I won't have to go out of my way to make something whenever I want to eat it.」

「Yuna is a better adult than me when it comes to leading the children, hmm.」

I retrieved the empty cups from the two and put them away into the Bear Box.

「So then, did you need something?」

He purposely went out of his way to his daughter's room to meet me.

「Ah, I have a request. Can you escort Noa to the royal capital?」

「To the royal capital?」

「Yes, I must participate in the king's 40th birthday commemoration, but thanks to somebody, I have a mountain of work.」

「Thanks to somebody…surely you aren't referring to me, right?」

「I'm grateful to you, but it's the truth.」

「Well, it's fine, but why me? What about the other adventurers?」

「In case you forgot, I'm also an aristocrat. There's a chance that my daughter might be targeted, in which case I want someone I trust to take care of my daughter.」

「So you're saying you trust me.」

I wanted to go to the royal capital anyway though, so it was fine.

「So then, when are we going?」

「As early as tomorrow is fine with me, since I think Noa also wants to meet her mother as soon as possible.」

That reminded me, I had never seen her mother in this house.

Since she had never come out to talk to me, I thought she had passed away, but that was apparently not the case.

「Her mother is at the royal capital?」

「Yes, she has some work at the royal capital.」

「In that case, shall we depart tomorrow?」

「Is that okay?」

I nodded and asked Cliff about an important matter.

「So then, am I the sole escort?」

「Yeah, won't it be encumbersome if there are others? You have the summoned beasts, so you'll probably be riding them if you need to escape. In addition, you have the power to defeat a Black Viper. There aren't any adventurers at your level in this town, you see.」

「I understand. In that case, I'll come pick you up tomorrow.」

「You saved me some trouble. There are some things that I want you to take with you, but I need to prepare them, so please wait for a bit.」

Cliff left the room for a moment and came back quickly.

「This is for Elenora, please hand it to Noa's mother.」

I received two letters and a large box.

「This is?」

「Inside this is the Goblin King's sword that I received from you. After thinking of the worst-case scenario, I wanted to pass it to Elenora. I wrote detailed explanations in this letter, so I think she'll understand if you give it to her. Also, this letter is for the Adventurer's Guild, for handling this as a nominated request, so you can receive this request at the guild.」

I stowed the letters and the Goblin King's sword away.

In order to quickly make preparations for tomorrow, I left the feudal lord's manor.

First of all, I needed to tell Mylene that I planned to leave town, so I headed towards the Commerce Guild.

Chapter 47
Bear-san Announces the Trip to the Royal Capital

Maybe because it was early afternoon, there weren't many people in the Commerce Guild.

When I went to the reception desk, Mylene-san, who seemed available, was there.

「Yuna-san, what is the matter?」

「I'll be going to the royal capital for a while, so I came to report it. So, I'll be counting on Tirumina-san for the matter regarding the eggs, okay?」

Though I said that, almost all of the matters regarding the eggs had already been left to Tirumina-san.

I was only consulted about the price every once in awhile.

「You plan on going to the Royal Capital?」

「It's a little bit of escort work.」

「How long do you plan on staying at the Royal Capital?」

「I also want to see the King's birthday commemoration that will be going on, so I was thinking of staying until it is finished.」

「Is that so? In that case, since you're going to the Royal Capital, I'll be looking forward to some souvenirs, okay?」

「That's fine, but is there something you want?」

「I'll leave it to you to decide.」

「That's the most troublesome answer, you know? Ahh, that's right. It's not a souvenir, but I'll give this to you.」

I took a pudding out of the Bear Box.

「What is this?」

「It's a delicacy called pudding, made from Clucker eggs. Make sure you put it in a refrigerator, then you can eat it during your break. Also, please tell me your impression when I return, okay?」

「Thank you very much. I'll take up your offer and eat it later. It's not to thank you or anything, but please take this.」

Mylene-san wrote something on a piece of paper, sealed it in an envelope, and handed it to me.

「What's this?」

「My letter of introduction. If you run into some trouble at the Commerce Guild in the Royal Capital, please hand this over to the [Commerce Guild] there. I think they'll be a bit more accommodating after that.」

「Thank you.」

I gratefully accepted her letter of introduction.

I did have plans to go to the Commerce Guild there.

「Please don't forget about the pudding, and eat it while it's still cold, okay?」

I warned her about how to eat the pudding and exited the Commerce Guild.

The three places I needed to go to after this were Fina's house, the Adventurer's Guild, and the orphanage.

I decided to go to the Adventurer's Guild first.

The adventurers who had finished their requests were returning, but it looked like I had arrived just before it got crowded.

「Ah, Yuna-san.」

「I would like you to take care of this, if possible.」

I handed over the letter Cliff had entrusted to me.

Helen scanned over the letter she had received.

「This is a designated request from Cliff Foschurose-sama, I see. To escort someone to the Royal Capital, is it? I'll handle the necessary processing, so if I could see your guild card, please.」

I handed over my guild card.

「Yuna-san will be away from this town for some time because of this, right?」

「I'm not really sure for how long though.」

「Hey Yuna, are you planning on going somewhere?」

The guild master appeared from out of nowhere.

「Due to Cliff-sama's request, Yuna-san will be going to the Royal Capital.」

「That fellow's request, huh. Ah, is it about the King's birthday commemoration?」

「Because Cliff can't go to the Royal Capital for a while, it's been decided that I'll be escorting just his daughter, Noa, there.」

「The Royal Capital, huh…」

The guild master looked me over slowly and carefully.

「Yuna, wait just a sec.」

The guild master returned after a short while.

「Here, take this.」

Yet again, another letter was handed to me.

「What's this?」

「It's for the sake of keeping you from rampaging at the Adventurer's Guild in the Royal Capital.」

「What is that supposed to mean?!」

「Hey, did you forget what happened the first time you came here? In any case, you're planning on going to the Royal Capital in that getup, right?」

The bear suit had been accepted in this town.

There was already no one left who would try to fight me when I enter the guild.

The strange looks I received when walking through the town had also decreased.

On the contrary, children often gathered near me instead.

I felt like I had turned into an official local mascot character…

「If you hand over this letter, the guild should more or less look after you.」

I appreciated it.

Knocking out idiots one by one was annoying.

「Thank you, I'm sure it will be handy.」

I expressed my thanks and accepted it.

After leaving the Adventurer's Guild, I headed over to Fina's house.

Gentz-san wasn't there, but the three girls were.

「Oh? Welcome Yuna-chan. What's up, coming here at this time of the day?」

「Big sis Yuna, you came!」

Fina came down from the second floor.

Shuri followed close behind her.

「I've decided to go to the Royal Capital for a while, starting from tomorrow, so I came to inform you.」

「Big sis Yuna, you're going to the Royal Capital?」

「It's a bodyguard request, you see. I thought Tirumina-san would be fine, so I'm leaving matters regarding the orphanage to you.」

「Okay. Well, it's not something that would become troublesome, so it's fine for Yuna-chan to leisurely go sightseeing at the Royal Capital. It'll be your first time there, right?」

「That's nice, the Royal Capital…」

「Fina has never been there before?」

「Never desu.」

「Well, that's because of me. After my husband died, I fell sick, and I gave this child a lot of trouble.」

「Then, do you want to go together?」

「Eh, is that okay?」

「Well, even if the targets I have to guard increases from one person to two, it's not really a problem, you know.」

「Is that okay, Yuna-chan? You have your job too…」

「In that case, tomorrow, I'll ask the person I'm guarding if she objects. If she approves, you can go. If not, you'll have to stay home.」

「Isn't that great, big sis?」

「Shuri can't go. Stay home together with mother.」

「Uuuuuuuu!」

「Is it unpleasant being with your mother, just the two of us?」

Shuri shook her head from side to side in denial.

「It's not unpleasant!」

Tirumina-san embraced her daughter, Shuri.

「In that case, I'll come by tomorrow morning to pick you up. Although you won't need to make travelling preparations, be sure to prepare any items you want to bring with you, so I can place them in my item bag.」

Finally, I went to the orphanage and told the director-sensei and the children that I wouldn't be coming for a while, and I left behind a large quantity of wolf meat.

Chapter 48
Fina's Perspective 5

Before going to the Royal Capital, it's time for Fina's perspective!

Though I intended to write this earlier, I forgot.

Mother was in pain when I woke up this morning.

Her suffering was different from usual.

She wasn't conscious.

There was no response, no matter how much I called her.

I tried to give her medicine, but she didn't swallow it.

Even so, I did my best to get her to swallow it.

However, her condition didn't improve.

A lot of sweat was running down Mother's forehead.

My younger sister, Shuri, was standing next to the bed with a worried expression, calling out "Mother! Mother!"

In this situation, it was no use.

There was nothing we could do.

「Shuri, please look after Mother.」

「Big Sis?」

「I'll be going to Uncle Gentz's place, so don't worry. If it's Uncle Gentz, he should be able to do something.」

I patted my sister on her head, and then headed to Uncle Gentz's home.

He shouldn't have gone to work yet.

I ran.

Few people were out and about this early, so it was easy to run.

When I arrived at Uncle Gentz's house, I pounded on his door with all my strength.

「Uncle! Uncle Gentz!」

Uncle appeared after I beat on the door.

「What's the matter, this early in the morning?」

「M-mother is!」

「What's wrong with Tirumina?!」

「She's in a lot of pain! It's different from normal!」

I couldn't stop my tears any more.

「Even though she drank her medicine, she didn't get better!」

「Let's go to your house.」

Uncle Gentz started running to my house.

I also ran as if my life depended on it.

I couldn't see Uncle Gentz's figure anywhere when I arrived at the house.

When I entered the house, Uncle Gentz was calling out to Mother in a loud voice.

However, there was no reaction.

「Damn it!」

Uncle Gentz looked at Shuri and me.

「I'm going to go look for medicine. You two look after your Mother.」

As Uncle Gentz flew out of the house, I grasped my Mother's hand.

Shuri held Mother's hand together with me.

Please. Somehow, save Mother.

If there is anything I can do, I'll do it, so-

No matter what, please don't take Mother away from us.

I beg of you…

「Mother…」

「Fina, Shuri……」

「Mother!」

Mother regained consciousness!

My wish was heard.

「Fina, Shuri, I'm sorry.」

Why are you apologizing?

Mother hasn't done anything bad.

Tears welled up in Mother's eyes.

「Mother.」

「It might be useless already. If mother happens to die, you must rely on Gentz. If it's that person, he will surely help you.」

Mother spoke as if she was in great pain.

Was mother going to die?

I didn't want to think about it.

「I'm sorry, you two. You had to put up with someone like me.」

She squeezed our hands, which were clasped in hers, with a frail strength.

How long has it been since Uncle Gentz went out?

He hasn't come back.

It might have only been three minutes or so, but I felt like hours had already passed.

Hurry and come back soon!

「Uuu.」

Mother's suffering began again.

Someone, anyone, please help.

Shuri's small hand squeezed mine strongly.

I cannot give up here!

「Shuri.」

Shuri's eyes turned towards me.

They looked anxious.

「Hold on to Mother's hand, okay?」

「Big Sis.」

「It might be useless, but if it's that person!」

I left Mother to Shuri and rushed towards Big Sis Yuna's house.

I couldn't complain that I was tired.

I could see Big Sis Yuna's house, the Bear House.

I opened the front door without knocking.

「Big Sis Yuna!」

Big Sis Yuna was there when I entered the house.

「What's wrong?」

「B-Big sis, Yuna, m-my mother has…!」

It was no good. My voice wouldn't come out.

「Calm down first.」

「My mother was in pain, and…even though she drank medicine…it was no good…I went to see Uncle Gentz, but…he went out to look for medicine and hasn't come back…I-I, what should I do?」

My tears wouldn't stop, even as I looked at Big Sis Yuna's face.

Even though I came here, Big Sis Yuna wasn't a doctor or a pharmacist.

However, if it was Big Sis Yuna, I was sure she would be able to do something.

Big Sis Yuna gently placed her hand on my head.

「Un, I understand, so can you guide me to your house?」

I guided Big Sis Yuna to my house.

After we arrived and entered, Uncle Gentz was there.

Had he obtained medicine?!

「Fina. Bear missy, you're also here.」

「Uncle Gentz, what about the medicine?」

「Sorry.」

He lowered his head.

If it was such an easily obtainable medicine, then Uncle Gentz should have been able to obtain it.

That's why I couldn't get angry at Uncle Gentz.

I approached my Mother.

She was suffering so badly that I could barely bear to look at her.

「Gentz…if…something…happens…to me…my daughters…please…」

「What are you doing?! Saying things like that!」

「I…sure gave you…a lot of…trouble…the medicine…and Fina…Thank you…」

「Don't worry about that! If you sleep, you'll get better, so don't talk any more!」

「Shuri, Fina, come here, let me see your faces one last time.」

「「Mom!」」

I couldn't see Mother's face because of my tears.

Mother embraced us with her feeble hands.

「I'm sorry that I couldn't give you anything. And, thank you, Shuri, Fina.」

She separated from us and looked at Uncle Gentz.

「Gentz, please look after the two of them.」

「I get it, so don't say any more. Looking after these two will be troublesome for me, so you just rest and recover from your illness.」

「Gentz, thank you.」

Mother closed her eyes.

It looked like she wasn't able to open them anymore.

I tightly grasped Mother's hand.

Her hand was cold.

At this rate, she won't ever open her eyes again?

She won't ever call my name again?

Mother, Mother, Mother!

Pomf pomf.

I heard the strange sound of something being hit behind me.

When I turned around, Big Sis Yuna was clapping her hands.

「For starters, the three of you, please calm down.」

「Big sis?」

「I don't know if I can do anything, but I'll take a look, so let me through.」

Big Sis Yuna separated us from the bed.

「Please hold on a little longer.」

Big Sis Yuna placed her Bear Hands on top of Mother's body.

「Cure.」

Mother's body shone with light.

That brilliance gave a pure and warm feeling, as if a god was there.

Mother's breathing slowly settled down.

The sound of Mother taking suffocated breaths had just died down.

「Heal.」

A different magic was activated next.

Mother's eyes slowly opened.

Then, as if nothing was wrong, she got up from the bed.

「…There's no pain.」

「「Mom!」」

I rushed up to her.

「Looks like I succeeded somehow.」

「Miss, what did you do? It was as if you were a priestess from the heavens. No, never mind that, miss, thank you.」

Uncle Gentz expressed his gratitude to Big Sis Yuna.

That's right. I also need to thank her.

「Big sis Yuna, thank you.」

After that, Uncle Gentz and Mother began to talk about repaying the favor.

That's right. I had asked Uncle Gentz about this before.

He had said that asking a priest to cure Mother's disease would require paying a large amount of money.

I recalled that the amount of money was a super high amount.

There was nowhere close to that much money in my house.

However, she was my mother's savior.

If I could do it, I would repay it, even if it took my whole life.

While I was thinking that, unexpected words came out of Big Sis Yuna.

「I don't particularly need money or anything. I only wanted to protect Fina's smile.」

I think I'm going to cry again.

I wondered if it was possible to repay all of Big Sis Yuna's kindness while I was still alive?

「But, in that case-」

「That's right, if there's anything that I can do, please say it!」

「Once I've recovered, I'll do anything!」

That's right. Even if Big Sis Yuna says that a reward isn't necessary, it's not good.

If there was something that I could do, I would do it.

However, the moment Uncle Gentz and Mother said 『anything』, the sides of Big Sis Yuna's lips rose up.

「In that case, I have a favor for the two of you, one that you cannot decline.」

Big Sis Yuna started to say such things.

The atmosphere in the room became heavy.

I wondered what she would say.

Big Sis Yuna looked over the room, before finally resting her gaze on Shuri and me.

「Fina, please go with your sister to buy some delicious food, as well as something nutritious for your mother to eat.」

Having said so, she handed me money.

Was it something that she didn't want us to hear?

Big Sis Yuna, what do you plan on saying to Mother and Uncle Gentz?

However, what Big Sis Yuna said was correct, since Mother needs something nutritious.

In the end, it was decided that I would go look for nourishing food, along with Shuri.

I was anxious, but it couldn't be helped.

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Fina 「Big Sis Yuna, thank you for curing my mother.」

Yuna 「You don’t have to worry about it.」

Fina 「As thanks, let me give you something important to me.」

Yuna 「We’re both girls, you know.」

Fina 「I know. However, other than that, I don’t have anything else that I could give you.」

Yuna 「Fina…」

Fina 「I offer my life to you, Big Sis Yuna. Please accept it!」

Yuna 「That’s really important in a different meaning〜!!」

Chapter 49
Fina's Perspective 6

When I came back from shopping, Big Sis Yuna was gone.

She seemed to have returned home.

I still have not thanked her enough, and I also haven't thanked her for this food, which was bought with Big Sis Yuna's money.

I must not forget to thank her the next time I see her.

Then, for some reason, when I looked at mother and Uncle Gentz, their faces became red.

I wonder what happened?

「Erm, Fina, Shuri. That is…I mean, do you want a new father?」

「Father?」

Uncle Gentz asked us a weird question.

Father died.

What did he mean by a new father?

「I don't know. I don't even remember my father, so even if you ask me if I want a father…」

「Don't know!」

Shuri also tilted her head to the side in confusion.

Uncle Gentz scratched his head and glanced in our direction.

「It's been decided that your mother and I will get married. Fina, Shuri, will you acknowledge us?」

Married?

「I want to become a father to both of you, and I want to protect the three of you. Although I don't think I can be as dependable as that Bear Missy, won't you let me protect you girls?」

「Uncle Gentz?」

「Fina, Shuri, is it bad to have Gentz as a father?」

Mother asked us that.

I didn't know if it was a good thing.

But,

「If it will make mother happy, then…」

Shuri was also nodding.

「Ah, I'll definitely make her happy. Of course, I'll make you two happy as well, you'll see! So, thank you, Fina. Shuri.」

Uncle Gentz hugged us.

Mother and Uncle Gentz seemed glad.

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After that, things were seriously troublesome.

Mother, who had become energetic again, began getting out of bed.

Which is why I had to put my mother, who had woken up and gotten out of bed, back into bed.

Put my mother, who had tried to prepare a meal, back into bed.

Put her, who had tried to clean, back into bed.

And, put my mother, who had tried to go out, back into bed.

I had been told by Big Sis Yuna to let her quietly rest in bed for a while.

I won't let mother suffer like that again.

I had Shuri stand watch over mother.

Shuri also seemed happy to spend time with mother.

In addition, Dad seemed to have gone looking for a house where the four of us could live together.

To that end, I should prepare for the move, bit by bit.

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A few days after mother's disease was cured, a new house was found, and it was decided that we would be moving there.

We also received approval to let Mother move around from Big Sis Yuna.

On the day of the move, Big Sis Yuna also decided to lend a hand.

In reality, moving was something that would take a lot of time and money.

Carrying luggage, borrowing a push or pull-cart, and making round trips over and over again.

However, Big Sis Yuna's item bag was able to accept anything, no matter how large or numerous.

Before, when I went on the tiger wolf subjugation, her ability to take out and put away an entire house surprised me.

That Big Sis Yuna steadily put more and more luggage in her bear paw's mouth.

Thanks to her, all the luggage in the house, which had been prepared in advance, was was all gone before noon.

Next, we headed to Father's house.

It was terrible.

There was filth everywhere.

It was completely messy.

Mother was awfully angry.

Mother asked Big Sis Yuna, Shuri, and me to go to the new house first and to tidy it up.

We headed to the new house.

After we arrived, I asked Shuri to clean.

I had Big Sis Yuna take out the furniture and the beds.

Honestly, the beds, which would have required being moved by hand from the first floor to the second floor, were easily placed, thanks to taking them out of Big Sis Yuna's bears.

When Big Sis Yuna had finished taking out the luggage, she headed to Father's house.

Shuri and I did our best to clean up with just the two of us.

When the sun began to set, the three of them, including Mother, finally came over.

Then they began to talk about meal preparations.

However, the interior of the house had yet to be put in order, so it wasn't in a condition where we could cook food.

Then, when Father said we should go out to eat, he was scolded for being wasteful with money by Mother.

In the end, it was decided that we would be taken care of at Big Sis Yuna's house.

I wonder, why is Bis Sis Yuna this kind?

After the meal was finished, we decided to stay the night at Big Sis Yuna's house.

She was going to let us sleep over and take a bath, since the move had gotten us dirty.

The bath in Big Sis Yuna's house was so big that it was perfectly fine for even four people to enter!

Also, hot water came out from a bear's mouth.

The four of us girls, after excluding father, entered to take a bath together.

Big Sis Yuna's body was slender, so thin and beautiful.

Her raven-black hair extended past her waist and was especially fascinating.

If I also grew mine that long, would I become as pretty?

When I entered the bathtub, the conversation turned towards chests.

Big Sis Yuna said that she would eventually become like boom, kyuu, boom!

What was "boom, kyuu, boom" supposed to mean, I wonder?

I think that if my breasts grow to be around Big Sis Yuna's size, it would be good.

When I see the large breasts of an adult, I often wonder if they aren't obstructive.

I asked mother while looking at my own chest.

「Will mine grow bigger?」

For some reason, Big Sis Yuna glanced between mother's breasts and mine.

「You're free to continue dreaming.」

Such a thing was said.

「Somehow, it feels like a really cruel thing was said.」

Mother got a little angry at Big Sis Yuna's words.

Then, Mother looked in my direction.

「It's alright, so don't worry about it. Fina's breasts will surely grow big.」

「I think around Big Sis Yuna's size is good.」

The moment I said that, I was hugged by Big Sis Yuna.

For some reason, she was deeply moved.

I really don't understand it.

We got out of the bath, and father went to take a bath next.

In the meantime, we dried our hair.

Big Sis Yuna's hair is long, so drying it seems like it would be a major chore.

While I was drying my hair with a towel, Big Sis Yuna brought over a weird-looking, cylindrical tool.

Big Sis Yuna told me to turn around, so I obediently listened to her.

When I did so, I felt a warm wind blowing on me from behind.

I was so surprised that I uttered a strange cry.

Big Sis Yuna explained that it was a tool that would blow warm air, and it seemed to be used to dry hair.

The wind was warm and comfortable, and in no time at all, my hair had been dried.

My younger sister, Shuri, was next, then my mother, and finally, Big Sis Yuna dried her own hair.

To have such a convenient tool, Big Sis Yuna sure is great.

Around when everyone's hair had been dried, Father also came out of the bath, and everyone decided to go to sleep, thanks to the fatigue from the move.

Father was by himself, while my mother, younger sister, and I would sleep together.

At that time, Big Sis Yuna said something that I didn't understand.

If mother and father slept together, the futon would get dirty, so they weren't allowed to sleep together. Did it not get dirty if they slept separately?

I will try asking mother next time.

The next day, I woke up before everyone else.

Shuri and mother were still sleeping

In order not to wake the two of them, I left the room and went down to the first floor.

While I was cooking breakfast, father came downstairs.

He ate breakfast by himself and headed to work.

Work at the guild sure starts early.

After father left for work, Big Sis Yuna came down and replaced him, as if they were passing each other.

Breakfast preparations were also complete, so I went to wake up the two people who were still sleeping.

As the four of us were eating breakfast, Big Sis Yuna asked a weird question.

「Where do they sell eggs?」

By eggs, did she mean the eggs laid by birds?

Such a high-class item wouldn't be sold in a normal shop.

When I told her that, she made a disappointed expression.

Did she want to eat an egg that much?

After breakfast ended, we went back to the new house in order to finish tidying up after the move.

We arrived at the new house and divided the cleaning work between three people.

Shuri diligently cleaned up the smaller items.

Mother and I handled cleaning and organizing the bigger items.

Father had work, so it could not be helped.

The things we brought from our house were settled immediately, but the things brought from father's house were placed in the boxes haphazardly, so organizing those was a huge problem.

However, with the cooperation of my family, the move was finally finished.

This, too, was all thanks to Big Sis Yuna.

I met Big Sis Yuna by chance, and everything changed.

I can eat delicious meals.

Mother is healthy.

I have a new father.

Everything is thanks to Big Sis Yuna.

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Fina's Perspective 7

Today, Father came back with a dark expression on his face.

I wonder what happened.

According to what he told me after I asked, a Black Viper appeared, and a village seems to have been attacked.

The guild was in an uproar.

Father, who was in charge of dismantling and purchasing raw materials, was able to return home, but the other staff members seemed to be alternating shifts and have not been able to leave.

The Black Viper was a huge snake.

I haven't seen anything like that before.

It seemed that an adventurer party of at least C-rank was needed to defeat such a monster.

I heard that Big Sis Yuna and the guild master, the two of them, had gone to defeat that monster alone.

Father seemed extremely anxious.

'It's not something they can defeat,' he muttered to himself.

The next day, the subjugation party for the Black Viper was injured and became unable to take the subjugation request.

Father was troubled, because he couldn't go help big Sis Yuna, who he was indebted to.

Two days after that, I heard that Big Sis Yuna and the guild master had returned safe and sound.

Moreover, the Black Viper was apparently defeated.

After returning home from work, Father told me that joyfully.

Then, the day after that, I was also called in to help with dismantling the Black Viper.

I went to the guild early in the morning.

However, it seemed like Big Sis Yuna had yet to arrive.

I heard that the time she'd arrive was undecided, to let her relieve the fatigue from yesterday.

To that end, I would help out the guild.

Against all expectations, Big Sis Yuna cheerfully arrived at the guild later in the morning.

Did she really go to and return from a place that required a three days journey by fast horse, and also defeat a Black Viper?

Looking at her, I got the feeling that she wasn't injured at all.

I understood the strength of the Black Viper less and less.

We were on standby in the refrigerated warehouse, for the sake of dismantling the Black Viper, when all the members were called outside.

It seemed like the Black Viper was so big that the dismantling work couldn't be done inside the cold storage warehouse.

Was it that big?

The location for dismantling was changed to outside of the town.

The Black Viper that Big Sis Yuna took out from bear-san's mouth was gigantic.

Did you defeat this by yourself?

It was unbelievable.

In accordance to instructions from Father and everyone from the guild, the dismantling began.

I formed a pair with Father.

First, Father pared off the skin.

I cut out block-shaped sections of meat, starting from the part that was stripped bare, and placed them inside an item bag.

Will we finish this by the end of today?

Anyway, I'll do my best.

Several hours later, it was finally finished.

It was finished by the end of the day.

Thank goodness.

I left the transporting to other people, since the guild master had asked me for a favor.

To bring Big Sis Yuna to the guild.

With this, the work was finished for today.

I decided that I would go to sleep early when I returned home today.

It was tiring, but I was glad to be able to help Father.

Lately, only pleasant things had happened.

Mother's illness was cured, too.

Father tried to make us laugh during mealtimes, though mother told him that his jokes were lame.

How many years had it been since the dining table overflowed with laughter?

For my little sister, Shuri, it might be the first time.

One day, mother started saying outrageous things.

「Should I become an adventurer and work?」

We all stopped her.

Father, in particular, forbade her.

「You, do you plan to die and leave your children behind?! Is my income so meager?!」

I was scared just imagining Mother fighting a Black Viper somewhere.

However, if I imagined Big Sis Yuna fighting somewhere, I could see her defeating opponents with a calm face. Why is that, I wonder?

Even though the only time I had seen her fighting was back when we first met.

Shuri embraced Mother tightly as well, and shook her head side-to-side desperately.

In the end, it was decided that, as a compromise, Mother would look for mediation work at the Commerce Guild.

…Even so, why did she end up working at Big Sis Yuna's place?

Her job seemed to be related to Clucker eggs.

Big Sis Yuna, what in the world are you doing?

Do you plan on resigning as an adventurer and becoming a merchant?

On a later day, Big Sis Yuna told Shuri and me to come to her house the next day.

Apparently, it was to sample a new kind of food.

I was a little worried, but I was also looking forward to it.

The next morning, Shuri and I went to the Bear House together after eating breakfast, where Big Sis Yuna took out a food called "purin."

It was a yellow color.

I was told that it was a dessert made from eggs.

Was it really okay for me to eat food made with such a high-class ingredient?

Even so, it was made by Big Sis Yuna.

I'll receive it gratefully.

What is it, this delicious food?

This soft and sweet taste, I haven't ever heard of, or eaten, such a food before.

I finished eating it in the blink of an eye.

Shuri's cup was also emptied.

When we made disappointed expressions together as sisters, Big Sis Yuna made a bemused smile while taking out one more portion.

Let's eat it slowly this time!

Big Sis Yuna came over in the afternoon one day, when I was at home teaching Shuri her letters.

I wonder what kind of business she had today?

It turned out that she was going to the Royal Capital as an escort.

Thus, she was here to ask mother to look after the orphanage.

「That's nice, the Royal Capital…」

When I said that, it was decided that I would be taken along as well.

Was that okay?

However, it turned out that we would have to confirm it with the client tomorrow.

I still don't know if I will be able to go, but I'm looking forward to tomorrow!

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